

Lady Gu 1131

Chapter 1131: Rumors

The family doctor looked suspiciously at Old Master Lu, who was lying on the bed, then at Lu Yan. Before he entered, he had clearly heard this group of people say that they would not let President Gu attend the ancestral worship ceremony. Previously, the old master seemed to have fainted because of this. Could it be that the old master wanted President Gu to bear the responsibility for his illness?

However, he was just a family doctor. The Lu family was considered his boss, so he naturally would not say anything. He had no say over the grudges between these noble families. It would be troublesome if he offended the Lu family.

Hence, he could only pretend not to know anything and say helplessly, "After all, the old master is old. He's been unconscious for a long time now, and his health was poor to begin with. Even though he woke up for a short while today, he hasn't completely recovered. The poison is still in his body. I'll prescribe some medicine to nurse the old master back to health and try to wake him up as soon as possible."

Hearing the doctor's answer, Lu Yan's expression softened a little, but then his eyes were filled with coldness and doubt. Who poisoned the old master? During this period of time, the old master had been surrounded by the Lu family's trusted aides. Who could poison the old master in front of everyone?

Could it be that the person who poisoned him did not want the old master to attend the ancestral worship ceremony?

The family doctor glanced at Lu Yan and was very puzzled. Didn't Lu Yan know that Old Master Lu was pretending to be sick?

Everyone had a tacit understanding that Old Master Lu was pretending to be sick. Moreover, there were only the Lu family members in this room. However, Lu Yan was pretending to be angry as if he was very worried about Old Master Lu.

The family doctor's heart was filled with disdain. Lu Yan was too scheming. President Gu was a much better person. He was more suitable to be the heir of the Lu family.

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The next morning, the Lu family was about to hold the ancestral worship ceremony. The descendants of the Lu family all came to the Lu family's mansion.

The ancestral worship ceremony was the largest family banquet of the year where all the members of the Lu family would gather. At this moment, the Lu family's mansion was filled with people. Fortunately, the Lu family had a deep foundation in Li City, and there were several villas around. Hence, all the Lu family members who came to pay respects to their ancestors stayed near the mansion.

In order to fulfill the agreement, Lu Yan naturally arranged a place for Gu Zheng to stay. However, everyone knew very well that whether Gu Zheng could participate in the ancestral worship ceremony or not depended on Old Master Lu's nod of approval.

Paying respects to the ancestors was a big matter for the entire family. Gu Zheng had been wandering outside for so many years and had yet to be listed in the family register. He had not received the recognition of the rest of the Lu family, so whether he could enter the ancestral hall to pay his respects depended on the old master.

However... they heard that the old master was still unconscious.

On the other hand, Qiao Xi had just gotten into the car when her phone rang a few times. She took her phone and saw that she had received messages from Xue Yi: [Xi Xi, your husband has gotten into trouble recently. There are more and more rumors online, and they've already seriously affected Gu Zheng's reputation. Besides the Lu family, who else dares to badmouth Gu Zheng behind his back?]

Who else in Li City would dare to go against Gu Zheng apart from the Lu family?

Xue Yi: [I heard people talking about Gu Zheng yesterday. I didn't expect things to be even worse today. The rumors have spread throughout Li City. They said that if it weren't for Gu Zheng, Chairman Lu would have woken up a long time ago. That man is old, so what does his sudden illness have to do with Gu Zheng? I'm really speechless! Why is the Lu family always targeting you and Gu Zheng?!]

Qiao Xi replied with a helpless emoji.

Xue Yi continued: [If they have a grudge against Gu Zheng, then they should just talk about Gu Zheng! Why would they bully you?! Are the Lu family's brains fried? With your strength and methods, if you really wanted that old man to die, you could have sent him to hell with one move. Why would you need to poison him?]

Qiao Xi, who had indeed poisoned Old Master Lu: [...] Well, wasn't this awkward?

Xue Yi was indignant: [This group of people from the Lu family is unscrupulous for power and shares. They've gone crazy. Fortunately, Gu Zheng didn't grow up in the Lu family. Otherwise, he would definitely have become a lunatic! Little Six, I can't interfere if the Lu family wants to look for trouble with Gu Zheng, but you must tell me if they bully you. I'll tear down the roof of the Lu family!]

Qiao Xi was slightly nervous. She did not tell Xue Yi that she had poisoned Old Master Lu. She would maintain a weak and kind image in Xue Yi's heart!

The car slowly stopped at the entrance of the Lu family's mansion. Then, under the guidance of the security guards, they entered the basement. The people from the Lu branch family had already arrived at the Lu family's mansion a day ago. The people arriving now were all from the Lu family who lived in Li City and were not far away.

After Qiao Xi and Gu Zheng got out of the car, they did not meet any acquaintances on the way, nor did anyone stop them. They successfully entered the Lu family's mansion.

Chapter 1132: This Is Called Returning Something To Its Owner

"Ah Zheng, where are we staying?" Qiao Xi raised her head and looked at the main building of the Lu family's residence. She chuckled. "This is the main residence, right? Old Master Lu, Old Madam Lu, Lu Xiang, and Lu Yan have been living quite well!"

Old Master Lu was a direct descendant of the Lu family, but he only had a few descendants. The old master's first wife had passed away, and the eldest daughter, Lu Qingyun, had also passed away. Now that he had announced to the public that Lu Yan was Lu Qingyun's biological son, the position of heir naturally fell to him. He naturally had the right to stay in the main residence.

Logically speaking, Gu Zheng should stay in the main residence. After all, he had already proven that he was Lu Qingyun's biological son. No matter Lu Yan's identity, Gu Zheng's identity was unquestionable.

Even if the Lu family refused to let Qiao Xi enter the main residence, Gu Zheng had the qualifications to enter.

The corners of Gu Zheng's lips curled up slightly, but his eyes were filled with coldness. He looked up at the luxurious mansion. He rarely came to the Lu family's residence since he was young. The last time he came here was to ask for help. He never stepped into the Lu family's main residence again.

In the past, Huang Lilan was afraid that he would disturb Lu Yan, so she would never allow him to come to the Lu family. However, he would secretly run over when no one was paying attention. He only wanted to see her from afar. He would appear very satisfied just seeing that she was still alive.

Now that he had officially entered the Lu family and was respected by everyone, he did not feel happy at all because that person was no longer around.

Gu Zheng restrained the cold expression on his face and said gently, "Xi Xi, do you like this mansion?"

Qiao Xi smiled and replied, "Yes, I like it. This designer is very thoughtful, and every part of the design is very fitting. Moreover, the scenery around the villa is very beautiful. This should be the best residential building here."

Gu Zheng said faintly, "I like it too."

Qiao Xi was stunned for a moment. She simply said she liked this mansion, but Gu Zheng's words made her hear intense desire. He wanted to snatch this mansion and even control the entire Lu family.

As expected, Gu Zheng chuckled. "Since you like it, Xi Xi, I'll snatch the mansion for you."

Hearing this, Song Shiyu pursed his lips at Song Shijing. His expression seemed to say, 'The president is so domineering! Why would Young Madam like such a violent and domineering man?'

The next second, Qiao Xi's eyes were filled with admiration as she said, "Ah Zheng, you're so powerful! But we're civilized people. How can you call taking back what belongs to you stealing? This is called returning something to its rightful owner!"

Song Shiyu looked terrified. No wonder the president liked Young Madam. The couple was the same kind of people! Young Madam was even more domineering than the president!

Everyone from the Lu family had lived in this mansion for so many years. With just one sentence from Young Madam, the owner of this mansion had changed. She did not take the Lu family seriously at all!

Gu Zheng stroked her smooth cheek gently and smiled dotingly. "Xi Xi, you're so smart."

Qiao Xi raised her head and smiled proudly. This mansion was designed by Miss Lu Qingyun when she was alive. Moreover, if it were not for the support of Lu Qingyun's biological mother, would the Lu family's current huge mansion exist?

Back then, the old madam's will stated that the mansion would be left to Lu Qingyun. After Lu Qingyun passed away, the will stated that it would be left to her biological son. That person was Gu Zheng!

Lu Yan had pretended to be Gu Zheng for more than 20 years, but he was just an impostor. He would never be able to replace Gu Zheng. He would be exposed sooner or later.

Qiao Xi sized up the mansion in front of her. Before long, this would be her asset. She had already thought of throwing away all the things that the Lu family had used and renovating the house to become her and Gu Zheng's home.

However, now...

"Ah Zheng, where are we staying?" Qiao Xi asked.

Gu Zheng said softly, "Yun Court."

Qiao Xi nodded. She knew about Yun Court. Ji Nan had been in the Lu family for two years and had passed on the news of the Lu family to her. Yun Court was Lu Qingyun's former residence.

The eldest daughter of the Lu family did not live in the main residence but in a remote courtyard. This was because the mansion left behind by her biological mother was occupied by the mistress and the illegitimate daughter, Lu Xiang. There was no longer a place for her in the Lu family. Hence, her moving to a remote place might be a good thing.

She heard from Ji Nan that although Yun Court was remote, the courtyard was very spacious. The villa was also designed to give off a warm atmosphere. There was also a garden, but after Eldest Miss Lu passed away, no one stepped into Yun Court anymore. The place became a wasteland.

Chapter 1133: Can I Have Both?

Old Master Lu valued his reputation and had always maintained the image of a great father. Hence, he announced to the public that he was afraid of messing the place up, so he did not dare to step into Yun Court again. He also did not allow anyone to disturb Lu Qingyun's former home. Now, the Lu family actually let Gu Zheng stay there. What did this mean?

Qiao Xi grunted lightly. "Chairman Lu actually arranged for you to stay in Eldest Miss Lu's former residence. It sounds like a reasonable arrangement. Even if outsiders know that you're not staying in the main residence, they won't think that the Lu family is treating you badly.

"But outsiders don't know what Yun Court is like now. That villa has been abandoned for 20 years. There's probably a thick layer of dust on everything. There won't even be a clean bed or sofa. How can we stay there?!"

Gu Zheng's expression was indifferent. "This wasn't arranged by the old master. It was Lu Xiang's idea."

Qiao Xi nodded and instantly understood. "Old Master Lu is such a smart person. He won't allow himself to be gossiped about like this. A few years ago, he announced to the public that because he missed Lu Qingyun too much, he wouldn't set foot in Yun Court anymore and sealed it. He didn't allow anyone to enter. Now that the door of Yun Court has opened 20 years later, it'll definitely be very dilapidated and desolate. How will she explain herself once someone figures out what she did?"

"Lu Xiang actually used such a boring method to deal with you. She's really brainless."

Gu Zheng's expression remained indifferent. "She's naturally not as smart as you. Let's go in."

"We're really staying here?" Qiao Xi was slightly surprised. "Ah Zheng, aren't you angry at all that they're asking you to stay here?"

Gu Zheng did not answer. Instead, he held Qiao Xi's hand and walked to the door of Yun Court. At this moment, the voices of a few people came from another courtyard.

"I heard that the Gu family's illegitimate child is also coming to the Lu family to pay respects to our ancestors. How embarrassing!"

Another person replied, "What are you talking about?! He has already proved his innocence. He's Lu Qingyun's son!"

"Who would believe that?! Everyone knows that he's rich. Isn't it very easy to fake a certificate? Lu Qingyun's only son is Brother Lu Yan. However, that illegitimate child also wants to compete with Brother Lu Yan for the position of heir? So what if he's really from the Lu family? If we don't admit it, he'll never be able to enter the ancestral hall. He'll never be qualified to be the heir of the Lu family!"

"I heard that Aunt Lu Xiang said that she won't let him pay his respects to our ancestors!"

On the other side of the wall was the courtyard of another villa. There were probably a few young masters from the Lu branch family chatting together. One of them asked, "Is the old master still unconscious?"

"Yes! I heard that he was poisoned. Could it be that it was really Gu Zheng who did it? He's too vicious! He'll even go as far as to kill his own grandfather!"

"He has always been vicious and merciless. Otherwise, how could he have established Gu Corporation in just 10 years? Previously, Mrs. Gu even said that the Lu family deliberately publicized the old master's illness in order to frame Gu Zheng and that the old master was pretending to be sick. Now, it seems that it's clearly Gu Zheng's doing!"

Qiao Xi clenched her fists tightly and wished for nothing more than to jump over the wall and beat them up.

Gu Zheng rubbed her cheek comfortingly and said casually, "Let's enter Yun Court first."

As soon as he finished speaking, the two of them entered the courtyard. Qiao Xi originally thought that the courtyard would be desolate and it would be a heartbreaking sight when they pushed the door open. She originally thought that she would definitely clean the place up tonight before going to bed. Unexpectedly, the courtyard was clean and tidy.

The pavilion in the courtyard was very clean. There was even a small floral tablecloth on the stone table and thick cushions on the chairs. The small garden was also planted with flowers. When they entered the villa, the furniture and floor were all very clean. The air even emitted a faint floral fragrance that made one feel relaxed.

Qiao Xi was extremely shocked. "Ah Zheng, what's going on?"

"I already guessed that Lu Xiang would arrange for us to stay here, so I sent someone to clean the place up," Gu Zheng said casually, then smiled. "Mrs. Gu, do you still like the main residence?"

Qiao Xi sized up the villa in front of her. Miss Lu Qingyun was very talented in design. Although this villa was not big, it was exquisite enough and made one feel very warm. The main residence, although it was indeed very big and imposing, it lacked the feeling of a home.

Moreover, there were many Lu family members living in the main residence who revolted against her. Her mood would probably be affected if she stayed there, but if those people moved out, she still wanted to go to the main residence to experience it.

Hence, she thought for a while and came to a conclusion. "I like both. Can I have both?"

Gu Zheng could not help but laugh as he gently pulled her into his arms. His magnetic voice came from above her head. "Sure. As long as my Xi Xi wants it, I'll do my best to satisfy her."

Chapter 1134: Gu Zheng Is A Jinx?

After entering Yun Court and settling down, Gu Zheng found a study in Yun Court to handle his work while Qiao Xi strolled around.

After a while, Ji Nan called. "Eldest Miss, are you in Yun Court?"

"Yes, who cleaned Yun Court?" Qiao Xi asked.

She knew that Gu Zheng had sent someone to clean Yun Court, but it was such a big project. It was definitely not something that could be done by just one or two people. However, it was unrealistic to send a group of people to swagger into the Lu family's residence to clean Yun Court, so it was very likely that it was done by people Gu Zheng had planted in the Lu family.

Ji Nan hesitated for a moment before replying, "Yun Court has always been sealed off. Old Master had ordered that no one was allowed to enter. From the outside, it does look very desolate and dilapidated. Coupled with the fact that Miss Lu Qingyun has passed away, the Lu family finds the place to be unlucky and rarely approaches the villa. No one knows what it looks like inside.

"I heard that Lu Xiang wanted you to stay in Yun Court, so I wanted to send people over to clean the place up. I didn't expect the interior of Yun Court to be clean and tidy. It doesn't look like it has been abandoned for 20 years at all. It's as if someone has been living there."

Qiao Xi instantly understood. "I understand. You don't have to come."

It seemed that Gu Zheng had been sending people to clean this place all these years. Even though Lu Qingyun had already passed away, Gu Zheng still wanted this place to remain in its original state as if Lu Qingyun were still alive.

After hanging up, Qiao Xi walked out along the small path in Yun Court. Suddenly...

“That jinx! He caused the old master to fall unconscious. He’s a prick like Lu Qingyun!” A sharp and vicious female voice sounded. Qiao Xi did not seem to have heard this voice before. It was probably someone from the Lu branch family.

The jinx she was referring to was probably Gu Zheng, right?

Qiao Xi’s eyes narrowed slightly as she clenched her fists.

The voice was sharp and filled with anger and hatred. Even though she did not see this woman’s face, she knew that her eyes were filled with resentment.

“Lu Qingyun is a vixen! She’s a jinx. Her son isn’t a good person either. It’s only right that he stays in Yun Court, which has been abandoned for 20 years. Why don’t we reunite the mother and son as soon as possible?!”

As soon as she finished speaking, a young man’s voice came from the side. “Mom, you said that Lu Qingyun is a jinx, but what about Brother Lu Yan?”

The woman chuckled. “Ah Yan is different from her! Ah Yan has a conscience. Ever since he took over, he promoted your father to the general manager of the branch company. When Lu Qingyun was still alive, she looked down on our family because we’re from the Lu branch family. She didn’t want to promote your father, so she let your father start from the bottom. She doesn’t have any kinship with us at all and is selfish. No wonder she died at a young age!”

Qiao Xi could not help but roll her eyes. Lu Yan was a good-for-nothing, so how powerful would the person he promoted be? Miss Lu Qingyun asked that person to start from the bottom because she felt that he was not capable enough to be in a high position. He was clearly the one who was useless, yet his wife still blamed Eldest Miss Lu for not caring about kinship!

Back then, when Eldest Miss Lu was in power, the Lu family could be said to be a top noble family in Li City. They were extremely glorious. Now that the family and corporation were in Lu Yan’s hands, they were struggling at death’s door. Didn’t this explain the problem?

However, the middle-aged woman was still indignant. “I only borrowed a sum of money from the corporation, yet Lu Qingyun kept urging me to return it. With such a big family business, that bit of money is nothing to them! I’m her sister-in-law, yet she actually fired me from the company and embarrassed me in public. Also, Gu Zheng...”

At the mention of Gu Zheng, the middle-aged woman seemed to be a little afraid. She lowered her voice and said, “So what if he has Gu Corporation now? He’ll still be despised by the Lu family. Who in the entire Lu family has ever taken him seriously? The child of a b*tch is not a good person either. Whoever is with him will be unlucky!”

Qiao Xi clenched her fists tightly. Why did she want to hit someone so badly?

She could tell that these two were the ones who were talking bad about Gu Zheng in the courtyard opposite just now. Gu Zheng pulled her into Yun Court just now, so she held back from beating them up. Now, they actually dared to gossip behind their backs again?

It seemed that they would not learn their lesson if she did not teach them a lesson!

The middle-aged woman complained, "The Lu family has so many businesses under their name but they're not even willing to arrange a position for your father. They're so petty with their own family. They deserve to die!"

The young man also chimed in, "That's right! We shouldn't let benefits go to outsiders! The Lu family's business is so big. Instead of hiring an outsider to be the general manager, they might as well let a family member be the general manager. We'll definitely side with the Lu family. How can others be as attentive as us?"

Chapter 1135: Ghost

"Gu Zheng is as heartless as his mother. He even angered the old master to the point of falling sick. In my opinion, today's ancestral worship ceremony..."

As the man spoke, he suddenly felt someone pat his back and stopped talking.

He abruptly turned around, but there was no one behind him. However, the touch just now was terrifyingly real.

The middle-aged woman also hurriedly turned around and muttered, "Maybe it's the leaves on the tree. Anyway, Gu Zheng..."

Before she could finish, the two of them felt someone pat them from behind. The two of them were instantly stunned. The woman shouted in exasperation, "Who is it?! Come out!"

She looked around angrily and suddenly broke out in a cold sweat. Her eyes were filled with horror. The mother and son had unknowingly walked down this path.

This path was the path to Yun Court, which was where Lu Qingyun lived when she was alive.

She had just said bad things about Lu Qingyun, then someone patted them from behind. Could it be...

Cold sweat trickled down her forehead. The middle-aged woman was so scared that her entire body was trembling. Her voice trembled slightly. "S-Son, let's go. This place is too strange. That woman died at such a young age. Maybe... Ahhh!!"

The mother and son screamed. They felt as if a ghost was floating around them and was about to take their lives.

In the study on the second floor of Yun Court.

When Gu Zheng heard the shouts outside, he raised his eyes slightly and looked outside. Then, he looked at the person opposite the computer. "It's nothing. Continue."

On the small path in Yun Court, the middle-aged woman clearly did not see anyone around her. However, when she turned around, a face suddenly appeared in front of her. She was so scared that she screamed crazily. Her son was so scared that he squatted on the floor and covered his eyes. The two of them screamed until their throats were hoarse. They then collapsed on the floor, their bodies still trembling uncontrollably.

Qiao Xi stood in front of the two of them and smiled in satisfaction when she saw their sorry state.

After a minute, Qiao Xi slowly opened her mouth and said with a smile, "What are you shouting for? Could it be that you saw a ghost?"

Hearing Qiao Xi's voice, the middle-aged woman raised her eyes tentatively and realized that it was a young and beautiful woman in front of her. She carefully sized her up and felt that she seemed to have seen this person somewhere before.

After thinking for a long time, she finally reacted. Wasn't this Gu Zheng's weak wife? The person who patted them from behind just now was this little vixen! She was clearly doing it on purpose!

The middle-aged woman was burning with anger. She struggled to stand up and roared, "Mrs. Gu, why did you scare us on purpose? Do you know that scaring people like this can kill them?"

Qiao Xi had an innocent expression. "I wasn't scaring you!"

"Didn't you take photos of us just now? Why are you so vicious at such a young age? You and Gu Zheng are really..."

Before she could finish speaking, Qiao Xi's eyes suddenly turned cold, but the corners of her mouth were still filled with a smile. "I really didn't take any photos of you! Are you hallucinating? I was walking on this path when I suddenly heard your heart-wrenching screams. I thought there were people in danger, so I ran over to take a look. After all, I stay in Yun Court. Your voices were very loud!"

The middle-aged woman instantly choked as fear spread from her heart to her limbs and bones. She looked at the innocent and confused Qiao Xi, and her heart seemed to skip a beat.

Could... Could it be that... something really patted them just now? If it was really Qiao Xi who patted them, it was impossible for them not to have seen anything after turning around! So was it really a ghost?

"Are you Third Uncle's wife?" Qiao Xi chuckled and asked.

The middle-aged woman looked around warily. "What's wrong?"

"It's nothing. I just think that you look very afraid. Did you encounter something paranormal just now?" Qiao Xi pretended to ask casually.

Hearing Qiao Xi's words, the woman's entire body could not help but tremble. Previously, someone had always said that Yun Court was haunted and there would be figures and voices at night. Lu Qingyun died for no reason. Could it be that her ghost was causing trouble here?

She was so scared that her entire body went cold. She looked around again.

Qiao Xi smiled and comforted her. “Madam, don’t be afraid. I can help you so that you won’t be afraid of ghosts anymore.”

The middle-aged woman looked at her with a puzzled expression. Why was Qiao Xi helping her? Could it be that she wanted to please her? When she thought about this, the woman instantly became arrogant and smiled proudly. “Alright! Since you’re willing to help me, then quickly...”

Before she could finish speaking, the woman felt a sharp pain on her face. She could not help but grunt, then she looked at Qiao Xi in disbelief. “You hit me? Are you crazy?”

Chapter 1136: I’m Worse Than A Ghost

“Stop arguing, Madam.”

Qiao Xi rubbed her knuckles and looked at the woman who had fallen to the ground in a sorry state. She smiled lightly and said in a gentle voice, “Madam, I really want to help you! Weren’t you very afraid of ghosts just now? If I beat you up, you’ll realize that I’m even more terrifying than ghosts. This way, you won’t be afraid of ghosts anymore!

“Madam, how do you feel? You’re not afraid anymore, right?”

The woman on the ground was so angry that her face turned red. She held her red and swollen face. This woman looked weak, but the punch just now almost knocked out her teeth.

At this moment, her son reacted as well. He pointed at Qiao Xi and roared furiously. “You actually dare hit my mother? I won’t...”

“You won’t let me off?” Qiao Xi raised her eyebrows and raised her fist. Since she had already hit this woman, she couldn’t let her son off. She couldn’t be biased.

“I can take down two good-for-nothings like you with a single punch. Do you have the ability to say such harsh words to me?” As she spoke, Qiao Xi gave the young man a heavy punch.

At this moment, Qiao Xi, who looked gentle, was like a demon from hell in their eyes. She was really more terrifying than a ghost.

Qiao Xi wiped her hands as if she despised making any physical contact with them.

The middle-aged woman was unwilling to give up and roared angrily, “This is the Lu family’s residence, not Longwan Residential! Y-You actually dare to beat me up in the Lu family’s residence?!”

“Yes, I do. What’s wrong?” Qiao Xi blinked as if she didn’t care.

“You clearly know that this is the Lu family’s residence, yet you still dare to attack? My husband is the general manager of the Lu family’s branch company. You’ll definitely pay the price for hitting me!”

Qiao Xi had an indifferent expression. “Oh.”

The middle-aged woman flew into a rage and pointed at Qiao Xi while shouting, “Let me tell you, help me up immediately and kneel on the floor to beg for my forgiveness. Otherwise—”

Before she could finish speaking, Qiao Xi spoke first, "Shut up, you idiot!"

The surroundings were silent for a few seconds. The woman's face turned red as she roared with all her might, "What? Say that again? How dare you insult your elders?"

The corners of Qiao Xi's mouth curled up in disdain. "I really didn't expect you to have such a strange hobby. Since you want to hear it, I'll say it again. I said... you're an idiot!"

"Ah!!!" The middle-aged woman shouted at the top of her voice, "I'm from the Lu family! I'm Gu Zheng's aunt. You're actually scolding me? A junior like you is actually scolding me?"

This middle-aged woman was the wife of Lu Qingyun's cousin. According to seniority, Gu Zheng should indeed call this woman 'Aunt,' but this did not mean anything! This woman shouldn't have spoken ill of Gu Zheng and Eldest Miss Lu behind their backs!

"You just said that Gu Zheng isn't from the Lu family, and now you're saying that you're Gu Zheng's aunt. Don't you think it's very contradictory?" Qiao Xi's tone suddenly turned cold.

"You want to use your status as an elder to suppress me? Do you think you're worthy? If you can't control your mouth, I'll help you sew it up so that you won't gossip behind my back!"

The middle-aged woman moved back in horror. She was afraid and angry. "No matter what, I'm Gu Zheng's elder. Y-You actually dare to... Alright! I won't let you off!"

A trace of impatience flashed past Qiao Xi's eyes. "So, you're unconvinced?" She shook her neck, cracked her knuckles, and smiled sweetly at the two of them.

Gu Zheng's aunt? How laughable!

Had anyone admitted that Gu Zheng was from the Lu family all these years? In the past, Gu Zheng was thought to be an illegitimate child, so the Lu family had reason to target him. Now that his identity had been confirmed, the Lu family was still unwilling to accept him and chose to make do with the situation.

In that case...

The flames of rage in Qiao Xi's heart surged. She had long wanted to beat these two idiots up, but Gu Zheng was present just now, so she could not attack. Coincidentally, Gu Zheng was not around now, so she could fight to her heart's content.

That woman never expected the seemingly weak Mrs. Gu to be so violent.

A few minutes later, Qiao Xi withdrew her hands again and smiled indifferently, but her tone was very impatient. "Quickly disappear from my sight!"

The two of them hurriedly stood up and staggered. They were about to escape when they suddenly saw something. Their eyes were filled with horror, and their legs seemed to not listen to them anymore.

Qiao Xi frowned. "What's wrong? Are you trying to scare me? Do you think I'm as timid as you two pieces of trash?"

The woman's mouth was wide open as her entire body trembled in fear. She raised her trembling hand and pointed behind Qiao Xi. "Back there, he..."

Qiao Xi had already lost her patience. They were pretending to be frightened and thinking of scaring her? That was impossible! She wanted to see what was behind her. If there was nothing, she would beat them up again!

Chapter 1137: Stop Gu Zheng From Entering The Ancestral Hall

Qiao Xi turned around confidently and saw the tall man. Her expression instantly stiffened. After a long time, she smiled awkwardly.

Gu Zheng's expression was gentle as his deep eyes met Qiao Xi's eyes that were filled with shock. He stared at her with a faint smile and did not say anything.

The surroundings were terrifyingly quiet, and Qiao Xi's heart collapsed.

The middle-aged woman and her son retreated in fear. They knew very well that Gu Zheng's methods were vicious, so they only dared to badmouth Gu Zheng behind his back. If Gu Zheng heard what they said just now, they would definitely die miserably.

The moment they saw Gu Zheng appear, their hair stood on end as if someone was grabbing their throats. They could not say a word.

"Take them away," Gu Zheng ordered. Then, a few strong bodyguards appeared and dragged the two of them out. Only Qiao Xi and Gu Zheng were left in the surroundings.

Gu Zheng turned around and continued to stare at Qiao Xi with a burning gaze. The corners of his mouth curled up slightly as he teased, "Mrs. Gu, did you pretend to be a ghost to scare them just now?"

The corners of Qiao Xi's mouth twitched slightly.

It was over! Her image had collapsed!

Qiao Xi followed Gu Zheng back to Yun Court. After the two of them entered, Gu Zheng said slowly, "So, it turns out that Mrs. Gu cares about me so much. You heard them talking bad about me behind my back, so you attacked. Do you hate them so much?"

Qiao Xi nodded. Of course, she hated them because they were targeting Gu Zheng. Gu Zheng was clearly so outstanding and innocent, yet he was still cursed and there were rumors about him being spread.

After a moment of silence, Gu Zheng said gently, "The people you hate will never appear in front of you again."

At night, Qiao Xi heard of a big matter. Gu Zheng's third uncle's family actually left the day before the ancestral worship ceremony. Lu Yan's explanation to everyone was that Third Madam suddenly fell sick, so the family left early.

At this moment, in the Lu family's residence.

Lu Xiang slammed the table and roared, "They actually left? We made him the general manager of the company, but this is how he repays us? That little bastard is still in Yun Court, but he ran away with his tail in between his legs. How useless!"

“They’ve already left. What’s the point of getting angry now?” Lu Yan interrupted impatiently and said casually, “They’re just a group of irrelevant people. They’re not important to us. Let’s move on. The most important thing now is how to deal with Gu Zheng.”

Lu Xiang’s anger gradually calmed down. She asked in a low voice, “Ah Yan, can we really stop Gu Zheng from entering the ancestral hall tomorrow?”

The Lu family’s ancestral worship ceremony would last for a total of two days. On the first day, everyone had to offer incense and pay their respects outside the ancestral hall. This was a group ceremony. The next day, the direct descendants of the Lu family would enter the ancestral hall to pay their respects. The people from the Lu branch family were not qualified to enter at all.

Gu Zheng was Lu Qingyun’s son. Logically speaking, he should attend the ancestral worship ceremony for two days, but Lu Yan would never let Gu Zheng participate in the ceremony smoothly.

Lu Yan smiled sinisterly. “Rumor has it that it was Gu Zheng who poisoned Grandpa, causing Grandpa to be unconscious until today. I don’t care if it’s true or not, but I have to make it real!”

Lu Xiang frowned. “But...”

“Aunt, we have to take a gamble. We can’t let Gu Zheng return to the Lu family no matter what!”

Lu Yan looked in the direction of Yun Court through the window. As long as the old master remained unconscious, Gu Zheng would have to bear the infamy.

On the other hand, Qiao Xi was not idle either. She knew that Lu Yan would definitely stop Gu Zheng from participating in the ancestral worship ceremony. He would use the excuse that Gu Zheng poisoned Old Master Lu, causing him to be unconscious.

A long time ago, there were rumors that Gu Zheng had angered Old Master Lu to the point of falling sick. Now, there were rumors that the old master was poisoned, so everyone naturally thought that Gu Zheng had poisoned him.

Lu Yan had long planned it out. He had to firmly pin the blame on Gu Zheng for Old Master Lu’s coma. After the ancestral worship ceremony began, he would join forces with everyone in the Lu family to ask Gu Zheng to leave. After all, he was the criminal who tried to kill his grandfather. How could such a person enter the ancestral hall?

However, what if Old Master Lu suddenly woke up at this moment? Not only would Lu Yan have no excuse, but Old Master Lu would also be suspected of pretending to be sick. Hence, Qiao Xi wanted Old Master Lu to wake up.

Now, the old master was lying in his room with the door closed and bodyguards guarding him. Even if the old master really woke up, the others would not know. Hence, she had to let others see the old master with their own eyes. Then, all the rumors would be buried.

As for the person who would see the old master wake up, she already had someone in mind.

Chapter 1138: Absent For The Ancestral Worship Ceremony

Qiao Xi picked up her phone and made a call. Soon, a respectful voice came from the other end. "Eldest Miss."

"The Lu family will probably call the Medical Association to treat someone in the family. Arrange for two young doctors to come over."

The person on the other end of the phone hesitated for a moment. "The Lu family? I heard that Chairman Lu has been unconscious for a few days. Could it be him?"

"It's him," Qiao Xi replied casually. She needed people to witness Old Master Lu's awakening. Moreover, they couldn't be from the Lu family. Otherwise, it would be meaningless.

Lu Yan probably did not expect that his plans would be foiled by her. The person who would be embarrassed tomorrow would definitely not be Gu Zheng!

The next morning.

Everyone woke up early to freshen up. At nine o'clock, they gathered outside the ancestral hall for the ancestral worship ceremony.

At this moment, the people from the Medical Association arrived. Lu Xiang warmly invited them in. "My father has been unconscious for 10 days. Please see what's going on and let me know when he'll wake up."

Hearing Lu Xiang's words, the Lu family's family doctor took the initiative to give up his position. He let those from the Medical Association take the old master's pulse.

These two people from the Medical Association were still very young. They had just entered the Medical Association. After one of them checked the old master's pulse, he could not help but frown.

Was Chairman Lu unconscious? He looked like he was sleeping!

He could not help but look at the Lu family's family doctor. The doctor's eyes were filled with helplessness and doubt. The people from the Medical Association were enlightened. It seemed that Chairman Lu was not unconscious at all. He was clearly pretending to be sick. The Lu family was clearly making things difficult for their eldest miss!

The old master was clearly pretending to be sick but even invited people from the Medical Association over. Did he have nothing better to do?

Lu Xiang looked worried. "Doctor, how's my father's condition?"

The two people from the Medical Association: "... How could this person have the cheek to ask them that? The so-called patient was only pretending!

The two of them remained silent. Lu Xiang thought that Old Master Lu's condition had worsened and was instantly at a loss. However, Lu Yan, who was at the side, felt relieved.

He knew that his grandfather doted on him and treated him very well, but in this situation, it was best if his grandfather was unconscious. As long as his grandfather did not wake up, they had a reason to stop Gu Zheng from entering the ancestral hall.

If his grandfather really woke up, even if he hated Gu Zheng, he had to forgive Gu Zheng on the account of Lu Qingyun. After all, in the eyes of outsiders, the old master had always been a good father who doted on Lu Qingyun. Now that his grandson had finally been found, he could not criticize him. Otherwise, the image he had maintained all these years would be ruined.

When the people from the Medical Association confirmed that Old Master Lu was not unconscious, they looked at Lu Yan's expression and instantly understood the Lu family's thoughts. The Lu family really knew how to scheme!

Lu Yan said gently, "Doctors, Grandpa needs to recuperate. Why don't we talk in the living room?"

The two of them looked at each other and knew what Lu Yan meant.

Lu Yan was clearly afraid that they would notice that something was wrong, so he hurriedly asked them to leave. After the ancestral worship ceremony ended and the Lu family achieved their goal, he would invite them in to "treat" the old master. At that time, the old master would wake up. Everything would seem reasonable and logical.

However, Lu Xiang was not as smart. She looked at Lu Yan in confusion. The people from the Medical Association were here to treat the old master, so why was Lu Yan chasing them out? Could it be that he did not want the old master to wake up?

Lu Yan glanced at Lu Xiang with a hint of warning in his eyes. Lu Xiang lowered her head and did not dare to voice the doubts in her heart.

At this moment, the ancestral worship ceremony was about to start, but Old Master Lu still had not appeared. All these years as the head of the family, he had never missed the ancestral worship ceremony. At this moment, only Lu Xiang and Lu Yan were standing in front.

Everyone looked at each other. Could it be that the old master was really dying? Otherwise, why didn't he appear?

"Didn't they say that the old master's coma was a rumor? Why isn't he attending the ancestral worship ceremony, then?"

"That's right! Previously, I heard that he fell sick from anger because of Gu Zheng. Later on, Gu Zheng proved that this matter had nothing to do with him. At that time, Mrs. Gu even suspected that the old master was pretending to be sick in public! I thought..."

"How is that possible? If the old master had really woken up, he would definitely have come to attend the ceremony. This is a huge matter. It's absolutely impossible for him to be absent, so he must still be unconscious!"

Everyone had different expressions and could not help but look at Gu Zheng. Old Master Lu had not woken up even after a long time, so how could Gu Zheng, this sinner, have the cheek to participate in the ancestral worship ceremony?

When Qiao Xi arrived, the surrounding atmosphere was extremely subtle, and strange gazes would be cast over from time to time. However, she didn't panic in the slightest and still stood by Gu Zheng's side with an indifferent expression.

Chapter 1139: Hypnosis Lifted

Gu Zheng lowered his eyes to look at Qiao Xi. "Mrs. Gu, where did you go just now?"

Qiao Xi smiled sweetly. "This is my first time in the Lu family, so I didn't know the way. I went the wrong way."

The corners of Gu Zheng's mouth curled up slightly as he sneered. "Did you go the wrong way?"

"That's right! The Lu family's residence is so big. I spent a long time looking for the way, so it's understandable that I'm late. Fortunately, the ancestral worship ceremony hasn't started yet!"

The glint in Gu Zheng's eyes grew brighter when he heard Qiao Xi's explanation.

Would Mrs. Gu go the wrong way? He did not believe it.

After a moment of silence, the man said meaningfully, "There are surveillance cameras everywhere."

Qiao Xi's face was filled with innocence. "I know that. Why are you talking about this? I didn't do anything bad. So what if there are surveillance cameras? Even if I was captured in the surveillance cameras, you'd just see me lost and going to the wrong place. You can't blame me for this! Everyone else came over so early, so there was no one available to show me the way."

She replied confidently. In order not to be suspected, she even pretended to be lost and walked around twice. After that, she sneaked into the main residence from the backyard to avoid the surveillance cameras. She opened the small porcelain bottle in her hand and waved the bottle below the old master's nose.

Actually, Old Master Lu was indeed not poisoned and had just fallen asleep. Hence, no matter who checked on the old master, the result would still be the same. She did poison Old Master Lu in the beginning, but when she came over the second time, she changed her mind about poisoning him again.

Qiao Xi had read the notes left behind by her grandfather. It clearly recorded that hypnosis could also make someone fall asleep. Moreover, this kind of hypnosis could only be lifted if the subject smelled the medicine Qiao Xi had concocted.

Now that the hypnosis had been lifted, Old Master Lu would wake up soon. She hurriedly took out her phone and told the people from the Medical Association that they could come in. Then, she quickly left the main residence.

At this moment, the corners of Qiao Xi's mouth curled up as she looked at Gu Zheng who was beside her and smiled in embarrassment. "Ah Zheng! Why are you always staring at me? I'm getting all shy! There are so many people here!"

Gu Zheng snorted and retracted his gaze.

The ancestral worship ceremony officially began, but the head of the Lu family, Lu Bai, still did not appear. The fifth uncle of the Lu branch family could not help but ask, "Ah Yan, why isn't the head here yet?"

Finally, someone asked the question in everyone's hearts. Everyone stared at Lu Yan and waited for his answer.

Lu Yan slowly looked up, his eyes filled with sorrow. At the same time, a trace of scheming and gladness flashed past his eyes. He hoped that Lu Bai was still unconscious.

He took a deep breath and said word by word, "I'm sorry, everyone. Grandpa is still unconscious."

Everyone knew that the old master was sick, but they did not expect that he was still unconscious after so many days. Moreover, he could not even attend the ancestral worship ceremony.

Fifth Uncle frowned and asked, "Ah Yan, what illness does the head of the family have? Why has he been unconscious for so long? Didn't they say that he..."

Everyone knew that Old Master Lu had deliberately pretended to be sick a few days ago to force Gu Zheng to give up the 5% of shares. Could it be that he wanted to continue pretending during the ancestral worship ceremony?

The ancestral worship ceremony should be presided over by the head of the family. Since the old master was not around, everything could only be handed to Lu Yan to handle. However, this also meant that Lu Yan was the next head of the family. However, the old master was clearly still alive. This seemed to be against the rules.

Everyone knew the reason why Old Master Lu was unconscious. After a moment of silence, someone asked loudly, "I heard that Gu Zheng made Old Master Lu sick because of the shares?"

Qiao Xi sneered in her heart. Lu Yan was finally going to make a move. The corners of her mouth curled into a proud smile.

Lu Xiang's expression did not look too good. Lu Yan sighed and said, "That's what the rumors say, but..."

When everyone heard Lu Yan's affirmative answer, they immediately started chattering. "What I heard is that the 5% of shares is related to Lu Corporation's next quarter's project. That's why the head of the family was unwilling to give the shares to Gu Zheng. It's just that Gu Zheng insisted that the head of the family hand over the shares, so the head of the family pretended to be sick and wanted to force Gu Zheng to give up.

Qiao Xi knew clearly in her heart that these people were clearly defending the old master and Lu Yan. These words were probably all thought of by Lu Yan. He got them to memorize their lines and deliberately say them in public.

She looked impatient. Everyone was still discussing the 5% of shares.

"Although it's not good for Gu Zheng to insist on getting Lu Corporation's shares, it's not right for the old master to pretend to be sick! No matter what, Gu Zheng is from the Lu family and Lu Qingyun's biological son. It's not too much to give him 5% of the shares, right?!"

Chapter 1140: This Is Wrong!

Qiao Xi glanced at that person. It sounded like he was speaking up for Gu Zheng and saying that Old Master Lu should not be pretending to be sick, but she sensed that something was wrong.

As expected, Lu Yan sighed the next second. "Where did you hear that Grandpa is pretending to be sick?"

The moment that was said, the area outside the ancestral hall instantly fell silent. Everyone widened their eyes. After a moment of silence, someone asked tentatively, "Ah Yan, you mean that the head of the family isn't pretending to be sick and is really unconscious?"

A trace of victory flashed past Lu Yan's eyes, then he said sadly, "Yes, Grandpa has been unconscious. We've invited many doctors to treat him these past few days, but they haven't been able to wake him up. The ancestral worship ceremony is about to start, but he still can't wake up.

"Everyone should know that a week ago, my aunt went to Huazhong Building to look for Gu Zheng to ask for an explanation. For some reason, the Lu family suddenly became the target. My aunt and I were afraid that it would bring calamity to the Lu family, so we didn't explain it to the public. Later on, rumors spread that Grandpa was pretending to be sick. Actually, he really is in a coma."

Everyone could not help but think of what had happened a week ago. At that time, Lu Xiang was in Huazhong Building and forced Gu Zheng to give up his shares in public. After that, Mrs. Gu appeared and embarrassed the Lu family. She even made the entire high society suspect that Lu Bai was deliberately pretending to be sick.

However, now that Lu Yan said that Lu Bai had really fainted, it meant that Lu Xiang was telling the truth. A week ago, the old master was really angered by Gu Zheng to the point of falling sick. Because of Mrs. Gu's words, everyone not only mistakenly thought that the old master was pretending to be sick but also felt indignant for the culprit, Gu Zheng.

The moment that was said, everyone looked at Gu Zheng with disdain.

Qiao Xi's face was filled with disdain. Lu Yan sure knew how to beat about the bush. Since he wanted to push the blame on Gu Zheng, then he should be more straightforward. How could he be the heir of the Lu family with such a character?

Fifth Uncle had a serious expression. He had clearly discussed it with Lu Yan a long time ago, yet he still pretended to be puzzled in front of everyone and questioned, "President Gu, is Ah Yan telling the truth? Did you really anger the head of the family to the point of falling sick? Aren't you going to explain?"

At this moment, the members of the Lu family were all gathered here. Everyone's gazes were on Gu Zheng. They were all waiting for Gu Zheng's answer.

Qiao Xi really found it laughable. How was Gu Zheng supposed to answer this? It was clearly Lu Yan who lost his shares to her. He had to admit defeat, but he was unwilling to fulfill the bet. Old Master Lu got so angry that he fainted, so now they want Gu Zheng to take the blame. This matter was Lu Yan's fault from the beginning until the end. It had nothing to do with Ah Zheng!

However, these people were completely unreasonable! In their opinion, the heir whom the head of the family had carefully nurtured, Lu Yan, was the most perfect. Everything he said was right, while Gu Zheng was just an outsider. He was not worthy of taking the Lu family's shares.

Moreover, once Gu Zheng returned to the Lu family, these vermin who were hiding in the dark and reaping benefits from the Lu family would all be exposed to the sunlight. Gu Zheng would never let them off, so they had to help Lu Yan chase Gu Zheng out of the Lu family.

Since this group of people liked acting, why didn't they become actors?! Was there a point in acting in front of her and Ah Zheng?

Qiao Xi raised her eyes to glance around and chuckled. "What do you want Ah Zheng to explain?"

Everyone's unhappy gazes landed on Qiao Xi. They were talking to Gu Zheng, so how could this woman have the right to speak? Hence, they said unhappily, "Mrs. Gu, this is the Lu family's ancestral worship ceremony. We're questioning Gu Zheng. This has nothing to do with you."

Qiao Xi blinked and curled her red lips. "How is it unrelated to me?! Ah Zheng is my husband, so, of course, I have to speak up for him. I really don't understand what's there to explain about this."

She stroked her hair delicately and said in a soft voice, "Don't forget that the person who wanted to make a bet back then was Lu Yan. The person who lost Lu Corporation's shares was also Lu Yan. In the end, however, you're blaming Old Master Lu's coma on Ah Zheng. This doesn't make sense, right?"

Everyone was instantly speechless.

Lu Xiang pointed at Qiao Xi and roared angrily. "Stop spouting nonsense here. The shares have already been lost, so stop blaming Ah Yan! However, Gu Zheng angered my father to the point of falling sick for the sake of those shares. He's unfilial!"

"Keep your voice down. It doesn't matter who has the louder voice." Qiao Xi rolled her eyes at her and said calmly, "Even if Gu Zheng did anger the old master to the point of falling sick for the sake of the shares, that's not his fault. Back then, both parties agreed to the bet. Whether you win or lose, you have to bear the responsibility yourself. You can't ask Ah Zheng to give up the shares just because your Lu family is in trouble, right? I think there's a higher chance that the old master fainted in a fit of anger because he thought that the Lu family was about to be handed to a stupid heir like Lu Yan!"