

Mr Gu 741

Chapter 741 Acknowledging one's roots and ancestors

At the thought of Gu Qi's obedient appearance, Matriarch Gu couldn't help but mutter, "That child is really too smart. I didn't notice this when I was taking care of him in the past. I think he's even smarter than you were when you were young."

When Gu Zhou heard Matriarch Gu's words, he lowered his gaze slightly. He no longer wanted to recall his childhood, because other than pain and discomfort, there was nothing else.

"Gu Qi is a smart child. Our Gu family's bloodline shouldn't be left outside. If we hadn't insisted on letting him out back then, he wouldn't have had autism and wouldn't have refused to communicate with us. Since he's already returned home, shouldn't we consider letting him acknowledge his ancestors?"

Gu Qi understood what Matriarch Gu meant. He pursed his lips and lowered his head in silence.

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Qiao Nian returned to the bedroom. She looked at the document in her hand and immediately opened the seal.

She removed the file from the folder.

In the middle of the first page of the white document were the words "Paternity Test".

Qiao Nian frowned slightly. She recalled how Jiang Yue had looked at her provocatively in the Lu family home. Her expression changed slightly.

No, at that time, Doctor Li had told her that the results of the appraisal were unrelated.

Then why had Jiang Yue given her another appraisal report?

Could it be that Jiang Yue knew that she had given birth before?

That shouldn't be possible. Not many people knew about her incident.

Qiao Nian was filled with doubts. When she opened the first page of the document and her gaze fell on the second page, her expression changed.

She felt as if a bucket of ice water had been poured over her from head to toe. She was so cold that she could not move. She stood rooted to the ground in a daze.

The paternity test report in her hand fell to the ground.

How was this possible?

How could Gu Qi be Gu Zhou's biological son?

She must have seen wrongly.

In the past, Gu Zhou had an aversion to women, and he had never been intimate with any woman. How could he have such a big son for no reason?

Qiao Nian's heart was beating faster and faster. She could clearly hear her own heartbeat.

She recalled what Gu Zhou had told her about Gu Qi's father.

Gu Qi's father was sick and had been lying on the bed, so he did not have time to take care of Gu Qi.

Qiao Nian's mind raced. Could Gu Zhou be referring to himself?

Gu Zhou was not in good health and did not have many years to live. This was common knowledge.

Not only that, although Gu Zhou's expression was calm now, his health was not good either. He could collapse at any moment.

Could Gu Qi really be Gu Zhou's child?

Qiao Nian frowned. Perhaps Jiang Yue was trying to sow discord between her and Gu Zhou.

At this moment, there was a knock on the door.

Qiao Nian came back to her senses. She hurriedly squatted down and stuffed the paternity test document back into the folder. Then, she stuffed the entire folder into her bag. She composed herself and pretended that nothing had happened.

When she was just ready, the door opened.

She looked up and saw Gu Zhou's dark eyes looking at her.

Gu Zhou's eyes were deep. With just one look, she could not help but be immersed in them.

Qiao Nian looked away and tried hard to compose herself. She gave a relaxed and happy smile and asked, "Why did Grandma call you over just now?"

Gu Zhou glanced at Qiao Nian with a complicated expression. Without a word, he unbuttoned his suit jacket and casually placed it on a hanger.

He tugged at his tie, loosening the first two buttons of his shirt collar. The shirt hung loose on him, making him look like a nobleman from a comic book.

"She asked about what happened at the Lu family today."

Qiao Nian stared unblinkingly into Gu Zhou's eyes. His gaze was sincere, and he didn't look like he was lying.

At the thought of Gu Zhou and Gu Qi's relationship, she frowned slightly.

She wasn't sure if Gu Zhou was lying to her.

Her gaze fell on Gu Zhou's face. If Gu Zhou and Gu Qi were father and son, they should look alike.

She had never thought about Gu Zhou and Gu Qi's looks in the past, but at this moment, she noticed that Gu Zhou looked 60% similar to Gu Qi.

Chapter 742 Lying

Once the seed of doubt was planted, that seed would instantly sprout and grow!

The more she thought about it, the more she felt that Gu Zhou and Gu Qi were very likely father and son.

She didn't know how Jiang Yue found out about this.

Qiao Nian couldn't believe that Gu Zhou had lied to her.

Gu Zhou sensed that something was wrong with Qiao Nian's expression. He looked at her in confusion and asked, "Are you feeling unwell? Do you want me to get the family doctor to come over?"

"I'm fine. I'm just a little tired!" Qiao Nian said casually. She swallowed nervously and looked away. "I'll go to the pharmacy first. I just remembered a medicine that can treat your insomnia. I'll try it!"

As Qiao Nian spoke, she walked towards the bedroom door.

Gu Zhou watched as Qiao Nian left. He stood up and quickly walked over to her, grabbing her arm. "Are you really fine? If you're not feeling well, just say so."

Smiling, Qiao Nian pushed Gu Zhou's hand away from her arm. A trace of loneliness flashed in her eyes as she said, "I'm really fine!"

Qiao Nian pushed Gu Zhou's hand away and walked out without hesitation.

Her heart was in a mess. She didn't know how to face Gu Zhou. She quickly walked downstairs.

She and Gu Zhou had driven back. She walked to the cabinet by the door and took the car keys they had placed there when they first got home.

When they went to the Lu family home, she and Gu Zhou sat in the back seat of the car.

Her hair was a little yellow, but Gu Zhou's hair was completely black.

Qiao Nian quickly walked to the car, opened the door to the back seat, and got in. She carefully searched the back seat and finally found Gu Zhou's hair.

Qiao Nian hurriedly wrapped Gu Zhou's hair in tissue paper and stuffed it into her bag.

When Qiao Nian got out of the car, she realized that Gu Zhou was standing ten meters away from her.

Qiao Nian's heart was in her throat. Had Gu Zhou seen everything she had just done?

At the thought of this, Qiao Nian felt uneasy.

"Why did you come down?" Qiao Nian pretended to be relaxed and happy.

When Gu Zhou heard Qiao Nian's words, he walked calmly to the driver's seat, opened the door, and said, "I left my phone in the car. I'm here to get my phone. Were you looking for something just now?"

Qiao Nian placed her hands behind her back and tugged at the buttons of her jacket. Smiling, she said, "I just realized that the buttons on my jacket had fallen off, so I came over to look for them. I didn't expect to really find them."

As Qiao Nian spoke, she walked towards her car.

Seeing that Qiao Nian was about to leave, a trace of worry flashed in Gu Zhou's eyes. He asked, "Where are you going?"

Could it be that Qiao Nian was planning to meet Jiang Yue?

Otherwise, why would Qiao Nian choose to go out at this time?

Qiao Nian tried her best to act normal. "A friend called and asked me out for afternoon tea."

Gu Zhou nodded and couldn't help but ask, "Have you read the documents Jiang Yue gave you?"

He felt that something was wrong with Qiao Nian, so he followed her down.

When Qiao Nian heard Gu Zhou's words, her expression froze. She gripped her bag nervously and said, "She just wanted to tell me that you've hidden some things from me in the past."

Gu Zhou walked towards Qiao Nian step by step, staring unblinkingly at her. He asked seriously, "Then do you believe her?"

Qiao Nian hesitated for a moment before shaking her head.

It wasn't that she didn't want to believe it, but she couldn't.

Gu Zhou reached out and took Qiao Nian's hand. His eyes were deep, and his voice was a little low. "Don't trust others easily."

Qiao Nian's heart skipped a beat. She lowered her gaze, not wanting Gu Zhou to see the expression in her eyes.

Don't trust others so easily.

Gu Zhou was right.

Even if Gu Qi was Gu Zhou's child, this didn't mean anything.

She herself had many secrets.

Just like how she had no intention of telling Gu Zhou that she was the eldest daughter of the Lu family.

Moreover, that night five years ago, she accidentally lost her virginity.

This matter might not be a big deal in today's society.

Later on, she gave birth to two children, but neither of them survived.

Chapter 743 Obtaining Evidence

She had never told Gu Zhou about this.

She had asked Gu Zhou to hide nothing from her, but she had hidden a lot from Gu Zhou.

She couldn't even be honest with herself, so how could she ask Gu Zhou to treat her like this?

If she and Gu Zhou were truly husband and wife, she would definitely ask Gu Zhou to be loyal to her and not hide anything from her.

Of course, she would also tell Gu Zhou everything that had happened to her.

However, she was not ready to be honest with Gu Zhou yet.

It seemed that Gu Zhou was not ready either.

The current Gu Zhou liked her, but not deeply. Perhaps it was because she was the doctor who understood his condition the best that Gu Zhou treated her differently.

Even if they didn't talk about their relationship, she had to figure out Gu Qi's identity.

Although Gu Qi was not her child, she sincerely treated him as her own.

After thinking everything through, Qiao Nian looked up at Gu Zhou with a smile and said, "You're right. Each of us has our own secrets. I think Jiang Yue is indeed trying to sow discord between us."

At that time, Gu Zhou's lips were tightly pursed as he stared unblinkingly at Qiao Nian, as if he was considering what Qiao Nian had said. After a long time, he said, "Is that really what you think?"

Qiao Nian nodded obediently.

"If..." Gu Zhou hesitated for a moment, his dark eyes darkening. "If there's something I haven't told you, what will you do?"

Seeing Gu Zhou's expression, Qiao Nian roughly understood what he was saying. She smiled gently. "You just told me not to trust anyone. Everyone has secrets, right?"

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As Qiao Nian drove, her mind was filled with the paternity test report Jiang Yue had given her.

Although she felt that this was Gu Zhou's private matter, she felt a little uneasy.

Was she a third party?

If she was a third party, wouldn't she be interfering in the relationship between Gu Zhou and Gu Qi's mother?

At this moment, Qiao Nian recalled Gu Zhou's words.

Gu Zhou had said that Gu Qi's mother had disappeared and that she couldn't be found no matter what.

Qiao Nian frowned. Had Gu Qi's mother left on her own?

Qiao Nian was filled with confusion. When she arrived at the paternity test center, she handed the item in her hand to Doctor Li and asked him to compare this sample with Gu Qi's.

At this moment, in the Gu family villa.

Gu Zhou received a call from Chen Qing.

“Second Young Master, Second Young Madam drove straight to the paternity test center.”

Gu Zhou sat in front of the desk, his hand tapping lightly on the table. He couldn't help but recall the night he had been schemed against five years ago.

He recalled Qiao Nian's gaze when she left just now.

Gu Zhou sighed slightly and said, “I understand. Come back!”

At this moment, Qiao Nian was sitting uneasily on a chair, waiting for the results of the paternity test.

As she was especially close to Doctor Li, she could get the results of the paternity test early.

After a while, Doctor Li handed the report to Qiao Nian.

“The owner of this hair is Gu Qi's father!” Doctor Li said calmly.

Although Qiao Nian already knew the answer, her expression still changed when she saw the report with her own eyes.

Qiao Nian nodded and thanked him. Just as she was about to leave, she turned to look at Doctor Li and said, “By the way, you don't have to help me find my family anymore!”

Doctor Li's eyes lit up. “Have you found your family?”

Qiao Nian smiled and nodded. At the thought that her three brothers were all very gentle with her, her lips curved up involuntarily.

Chapter 744 Auntie, For You!

Qiao Nian walked out of the paternity test center. She folded the report back up and put it into her bag.

When she faced Doctor Li, although she looked calm, her mood instantly sank to rock bottom when she walked to the underground parking lot.

Logic told her that even if Gu Zhou was Gu Qi's biological father, this could only mean that Gu Zhou was hiding this from her.

Who didn't have an unspeakable past?

But she was still very upset.

Her mind was in a mess. Her rationality and emotions collided. She needed to consider how to face Gu Zhou and Gu Qi in the future.

After Qiao Nian left, Doctor Li took out his phone and called Gu Zhou.

Doctor Li had thought that Second Young Master Gu would take a long time to pick up his call, but he did not expect Gu Zhou to pick up instantly.

He was stunned. In fact, he had yet to think of an excuse.

“How is she now?” Second Young Master Gu’s cold voice came through the phone.

“I’ve already given the real report to Second Young Madam. She doesn’t look well.” Doctor Li thought for a moment and continued, “When she mentioned finding her family, her expression improved a little.”

After a long time, just as Doctor Li thought that Second Young Master Gu had hung up, Second Young Master Gu’s slightly hoarse voice came through the phone. “Got it.”

Doctor Li frowned. He could hear the disappointment in Second Young Master Gu’s words. After some thought, he mustered his courage and asked, “Second Young Master, actually, you can choose to hide this matter. Why did you let Second Young Madam know?”

Just as he finished asking, he realized that Second Young Master Gu had already hung up.

At this moment, in the Gu family villa.

He had lied to Qiao Nian on purpose.

He still remembered what Qiao Nian had said to him when he found out that she knew Gu Qi.

“I just didn’t expect you to have such a heartless friend.”

“He’s a boy, but his father doesn’t care about him at all. He always thought that his father liked girls and even specially wore girls’ clothes. This is simply too much. If this isn’t heartless, what is?!”

“What’s the name of your heartless friend?”

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Gu Zhou still clearly remembered Qiao Nian’s indignant expression.

He massaged his temples in frustration and walked towards the window, looking out sadly.

After a while, Gu Zhou saw Qiao Nian’s car driving back.

His heart skipped a beat.

He knew what was about to happen and couldn’t help but feel nervous. Without hesitation, he walked downstairs.

Qiao Nian parked the car in the garage, frowning. She didn’t know how to face Gu Zhou.

Along the way, she tried her best to persuade herself to remain rational. Even after returning to the Gu residence, her heart was still in a mess.

After sitting in the car for a while, Qiao Nian got out.

She had just walked out of the garage when a young voice rang out from the side.

“Auntie!”

Qiao Nian was slightly stunned. She looked over and saw Gu Qi running over happily.

Gu Qi ran up to her. After stopping, he looked up at Qiao Nian, then took out a piece of candy from the small bag he was carrying and held it in front of Qiao Nian with both hands.

“Auntie, here you go!”

Qiao Nian’s uneasy heart gradually calmed down. She felt as if she was enveloped in warmth. Her entire body was warm and extremely comfortable.

She bent down slightly and took the candy from Gu Qi. Smiling, she said, “Thank you, Xiao Qi.”

When Gu Qi heard Qiao Nian’s words, a bright smile appeared on his face. His voice was relaxed and happy. “Grandma gave me so many pieces of candy. I had to give Auntie one!”

When Matriarch Gu, who had walked over, heard Gu Qi’s words, a loving smile appeared on her face. She praised, “I gave him a lot of candy. He said that you liked strawberry-flavored candy, so he took it out alone. As soon as he saw you return, he couldn’t wait to look for you!”

When Qiao Nian heard Matriarch Gu’s words, her eyes couldn’t help but turn red. She tried hard to put on a smile and gently patted Gu Qi’s head.

After Qiao Nian placed the candy in her mouth, she instantly felt a sweetness in her mouth, completely driving away the fear and unease in her heart.

Chapter 745 Don’t You Want to Ask Something?

She looked at Gu Qi gently and said softly, “Thank you, Xiao Qi. The candy is very sweet!”

“Auntie!” Gu Qi’s eyes were round and filled with stars.

Qiao Nian held Gu Qi and walked into the villa with Matriarch Gu.

Just as the three of them reached the villa, Qiao Nian heard footsteps coming from the stairs in the distance. She looked up and met Gu Zhou’s deep eyes.

The moment their eyes met, Qiao Nian’s heart raced uncontrollably.

Qiao Nian quickly looked away. Her expression was calm and indifferent as she looked down at Gu Qi with a smile.

Matriarch Gu was sensitive enough to sense that there was something wrong with Gu Zhou and Qiao Nian’s gazes. Thinking that the two of them had gotten into a conflict, she thought that she and Gu Qi were no longer suitable to stay here.

Matriarch Gu walked to Gu Qi’s side and took his other hand. She smiled at Gu Qi and said gently, “I’ll take you to pick grapes, okay?”

Gu Qi’s eyes were filled with anticipation. He looked up at Qiao Nian and asked seriously, “Auntie, do you want to pick grapes together?”

Qiao Nian didn’t want to face Gu Zhou now either. Just as she was about to agree, she heard Matriarch Gu say, “Xiao Qi, Auntie Nian Nian has something to say to Dad. Let’s go out first!”

Gu Qi turned to look at Matriarch Gu. Seeing Matriarch Gu nod, he immediately let go of Qiao Nian's hand obediently and said, "Auntie, then talk to Dad nicely. Grandma and I will go pick grapes. I'll give them to you when I get back."

A trace of confusion flashed across Qiao Nian's face. She smiled at Gu Qi and nodded.

When Matriarch Gu brought Gu Qi out, she gave all the servants in the room a look.

In an instant, only Gu Zhou and Qiao Nian were left in the living room.

Qiao Nian glanced at Gu Zhou with a complicated expression, not knowing if she should tell him that she already knew that Gu Qi was Gu Zhou's child.

However, in the next moment, Qiao Nian thought it through. Even if she told Gu Zhou about this, it didn't seem to be meaningful.

After some thought, Qiao Nian decided not to mention it.

Just as Qiao Nian was about to find an excuse to return to her room to rest, she heard Gu Zhou ask, "How was your conversation with your friend?"

Qiao Nian was slightly stunned, not understanding what Gu Zhou was saying. In the next moment, she remembered that in order to go out, she had pretended that she was going out for afternoon tea with a friend.

Qiao Nian looked up at Gu Zhou and was about to speak when she saw his serious expression.

Was Gu Zhou trying to find out who she was with?

"It was fine."

Gu Zhou's dark eyes were fixed on Qiao Nian.

Qiao Nian felt uncomfortable under Gu Zhou's sharp gaze. She had a nagging feeling that Gu Zhou already knew what she had been doing outside.

"I'll go upstairs and rest first." With that, Qiao Nian walked towards the stairs.

Qiao Nian had just taken two steps when Gu Zhou grabbed her hand.

A trace of confusion flashed in Qiao Nian's eyes. She turned to look at him.

Gu Zhou looked at Qiao Nian with a deep gaze. He pursed his lips slightly and asked, "Don't you want to ask me about something?"

Her heart jumped to her throat.

Why would he ask that?

Did he know what she had just gone out to do?

How was this possible?

He had been staying at home.

If Gu Zhou knew that she had used his and Gu Qi's hair for a paternity test, he would definitely stop her from doing it since he wanted to deceive her.

Qiao Nian remembered Matriarch Gu saying that Gu Zhou hated it when others asked about his past.

Qiao Nian gave a faint smile and shook her head. "No."

Gu Zhou's eyes narrowed slightly. He hesitated for a moment before letting go of Qiao Nian's hand. His voice was low and lonely. "Then rest well at home."

"Okay," Qiao Nian replied and walked upstairs.

Gu Zhou stood rooted to the ground with a dejected expression. Looking at Qiao Nian's gradually disappearing back, he sighed softly.

She probably wasn't ready to discuss this topic with him yet.

She still needed time.

Actually, he needed time too.

He didn't know how to explain this to Qiao Nian.

Chapter 746 Conversation

Qiao Nian walked back to her room. After closing the door, she locked it without hesitation.

Exhausted, she placed her bag on the table beside her and lay down heavily on the bed, heaving a sigh of relief.

She stared blankly at the white ceiling. Thinking of Gu Zhou and Gu Qi's relationship, her heart was in a mess.

At this moment, there was a knock on the door.

Qiao Nian stood up and walked towards the door tiredly. When she opened it, she saw Matriarch Gu standing outside.

"Grandma," Qiao Nian greeted.

"Nian Nian, do you have time?" Matriarch Gu asked gently, a loving smile on her face.

When Qiao Nian heard Matriarch Gu's words, she nodded.

Matriarch Gu walked into the room and sat on the sofa. She patted the empty seat beside her, indicating for Qiao Nian to sit down.

Qiao Nian walked over to Matriarch Gu and sat down.

Matriarch Gu took Qiao Nian's hand and placed it on her knee. She looked at Qiao Nian dotingly and said gently, "Nian Nian, when you married into the Gu family, we didn't manage to hold a grand wedding for you. You and Gu Zhou were still married in secret. We didn't do well back then. It's been hard on you."

Qiao Nian shook her head gently.

She also hoped to keep her marriage a secret. After all, her relationship with Gu Zhou...

Qiao Nian pushed all the distracting thoughts to the back of her mind and stared unblinkingly at Matriarch Gu.

Matriarch Gu sighed softly and said helplessly, "It's all thanks to you that Ah Zhou's condition has stabilized. He has suffered a lot in the past, which is why he has become like this. This is a mental illness that's not easy to treat."

Qiao Nian was slightly stunned. She hadn't expected Matriarch Gu to mention Gu Zhou's childhood to her now.

She still remembered the last time Matriarch Gu was unwilling to say this.

"Actually, I should have told you about these things the last time you asked me." Matriarch Gu sighed softly, her eyes filled with heartache and sadness.

She had wanted to wait for Gu Zhou to tell Qiao Nian, but now it seemed that it was better for her to say it.

Qiao Nian stood rooted to the ground in silence, waiting calmly for Matriarch Gu to continue.

Matriarch Gu held Qiao Nian's hand tightly and sighed again. She said sadly, "Actually, he's very pitiful. When he was young, his parents didn't dote on him either. He always felt that he was redundant."

When Qiao Nian heard Matriarch Gu's choked voice, her expression turned serious.

"After Ah Zhou's parents gave birth to his eldest brother, Gu Yue. For some reason, the two of them fell out and lived separately. Ever since I was young, Gu Zhou has been raised by me. Both of them would accompany Gu Yue on his birthday, but the two of them would still quarrel. Sometimes, they would even break things. There were a few times when Gu Yue was so frightened that he cried."

At this point, Matriarch Gu's eyes were filled with pain. She pursed her lips and continued, "Children are sensitive. Gu Yue has seen many arguments between his parents. Then, his personality changed, and he contracted leukemia not long after!"

Hearing Matriarch Gu's words, Qiao Nian was stunned.

How had this happened?

Leukemia?

Gu Zhou had a nagging feeling that he was the extra one.

Zhou Zhou was always insecure and stuck to her.

Could it be that Gu Zhou was born to...

Matriarch Gu's next words confirmed Qiao Nian's guess.

"After the couple found out that Gu Yue was suffering from leukemia, they finally stopped quarreling. For Gu Yue's sake, they plan to have another child. When the time came, that child could provide Gu Yue

with a bone marrow transplant and other needs..." At this point, Matriarch Gu's eyes turned red, and her voice choked.

Qiao Nian thought of Zhou Zhou's innocent face and how he had said that he had never eaten candy. At that time, she had thought that Gu Zhou's parents were worried that Gu Zhou would have cavities, so they were unwilling to let him eat candy.

However, she had never expected Gu Zhou's parents to only treat him as Gu Yue's medicinal source.

Was that why Gu Zhou had become like this?

Matriarch Gu tried hard to suppress the sadness in her heart and continued, "Back then, in order to save Gu Yue's life, this was the only way. At that time, I thought that if they had another child, their relationship would reconcile. But later on, I realized how wrong I was!"

Qiao Nian was also stunned.

Chapter 747 IVF

"They were only willing to make test-tube babies!" At the thought of Gu Zhou's birth, Matriarch Gu's eyes grew redder and redder. She tried hard to suppress the tears in her eyes.

When Qiao Nian heard Matriarch Gu's words, her heart couldn't help but ache. It was as if she had been pricked by thousands of needles.

Gu Zhou, who had been born as his brother's medicinal source, was an IVF baby.

Yet his mother had treated Gu Zhou so cruelly.

Some couples could only give birth through IVF. In their opinion, that child was also the manifestation of their love.

But Gu Zhou was different. He was just a medicinal source.

Everyone was looking forward to his birth not because they liked him, but because they wanted to use him.

"When his mother was pregnant with Ah Zhou, her mental state had always been poor. Later on, she took poison directly. The mother and son were in critical danger, and the doctor had no choice but to perform a Cesarean section. At that time, Ah Zhou was only eight months old." As Matriarch Gu spoke, a tear fell uncontrollably down her cheek.

She seemed to have thought about the situation at that time, and was agitated and sad.

Gu Zhou had been born prematurely and was weak. He was sent to the incubator the moment he was born.

There was still the poison his mother took in his body. After more than a month of treatment, most of the poison had been eliminated, and he had barely survived.

It was precisely because of this that Gu Zhou had fallen ill.

The poison was really too difficult to remove. At that time, Ah Zhou's mother had only managed to survive after three days and three nights of treatment. However, her mood was even worse than before.

When Qiao Nian heard Matriarch Gu's words, she couldn't help but frown.

Gu Zhou's mother was willing to give up her grudges to get pregnant and have a child for Gu Yue. This meant that she really liked Gu Yue and cared about him.

If that was the case, why had Gu Zhou's mother taken the poison again?

Could it be depression?

Or had someone else poisoned her?

If Gu Zhou died, Gu Yue would not be able to live either. The two children of the Gu family would be gone. This was a good thing for the others who were keeping an eye on the Gu family.

Qiao Nian asked, "Grandma, did she take the poison on purpose back then, or..."

"I investigated it. She accidentally ate it." Matriarch Gu sighed heavily.

When Qiao Nian heard Matriarch Gu's words, her frown deepened. She felt that this matter wasn't that simple.

"Nian Nian, I know what you're thinking. Back then, I also suspected that there was something else going on, but I got someone to investigate. In the end, I found out that she really ate it by mistake. Moreover, in order for Gu Zhou to grow up safely and healthily, her mother raised Gu Zhou by her side."

Qiao Nian nodded. Since Matriarch Gu had already investigated, there shouldn't be any problems.

Sigh.

Everything was a joke.

Gu Zhou's upbringing had been so bumpy.

Everyone knew that Gu Zhou was weak and had always lived in the countryside. It seemed that Gu Zhou had been supervised and imprisoned by his mother in the past.

Gu Qi was Gu Zhou's child. Gu Qi was so smart. It seemed that Gu Zhou must have been smart as well when he was young.

When Gu Zhou was young, he was not in good health. He must have known what his mother was thinking.

Matriarch Gu had also said that Gu Zhou's mother's emotions were unstable. Perhaps Gu Zhou had even withstood all the stress his mother had vented on him.

Gu Zhou still had to provide his brother with bone marrow. His health was not good to begin with, and it was even worse if he thought too much.

Most importantly, Gu Zhou had probably never received maternal love.

Now, Qiao Nian finally understood why he had the personality of Zhou Zhou.

A child who yearned for maternal love, and was not a medicinal source for his brother.

However, at that time, Gu Zhou's mother's emotions were unstable and she could not take good care of Gu Zhou.

Therefore, Gu Zhou had been alone since he was born.

No wonder when she first came to the Gu family, Gu Zhou had always suspected that she had ulterior motives when he found out that she had married into the Gu family on behalf of Qiao Xin.

It wasn't that Gu Zhou was delusional about being persecuted, but the environment he was in proved that he wasn't safe at all.

If she were Gu Zhou, she would probably think the same.

After all, even his mother didn't love him. Who else could he expect to be true to him?

Chapter 748 Dark Childhood

Gu Zhou was not born because his parents liked him. After he was born, he became a medicinal source. His world was dark.

Perhaps Gu Zhou had been unwilling to tell her Gu Qi's identity in the past because he wanted to protect him. He did not believe that there was anyone else in this world who could protect Gu Qi.

He probably didn't want Gu Qi to experience his previous pain and darkness again.

Gu Zhou might also think that she was just trying to get rid of her bad luck by marrying him. He might not think there was a need to tell her this.

Or perhaps, Gu Zhou did not want to argue with her.

If she were Gu Zhou, she might not be willing to say it either.

"His mother had a strong desire to control him. His schedule and three meals a day had to be arranged according to schedule. Once, his father brought him back to play. When he saw me taking medicine, he thought that I was eating candy. I still remember how he looked full of anticipation at that time." At this point, Matriarch Gu's voice choked again.

Gu Zhou looked at her round pills for a long time before asking softly.

"Grandma, is this candy?"

"Is the candy good?"

"What does it taste like?"

The more Matriarch Gu thought about it, the sadder she became. Silently, she wiped the tears from the corners of her eyes. "He had never eaten candy before. I wanted to get someone to buy him candy, but his mother was unhappy. He didn't dare to eat it either. At that time, he was only five years old, but he had already learned to read people's expressions."

Qiao Nian recalled that day in the bathtub when Zhou Zhou had appeared. At that time, she couldn't help but take the initiative to kiss Zhou Zhou. At that time, Zhou Zhou had even asked her if she had given him candy.

At that time, Zhou Zhou's eyes were extremely clear.

She felt very sad.

At this moment, Gu Zhou pushed the door open and walked in, holding a document in his hand. When he saw Matriarch Gu, a trace of confusion flashed in his eyes.

He had not expected Matriarch Gu to be in the room.

Matriarch Gu was also stunned. She had not expected Gu Zhou to suddenly come over.

Qiao Nian stared unblinkingly at Matriarch Gu. It was really hard for her to imagine that Gu Zhou had such a cruel childhood.

She found it hard to imagine that Gu Zhou had such a tragic childhood in the past. How had he survived?

Gu Zhou noticed that Qiao Nian's gaze was even gentler than before. A trace of confusion flashed in his eyes. Then, he looked at Matriarch Gu. "Grandma, why are you looking for Nian'er?"

When Qiao Nian heard the word "Nian'er", her heart couldn't help but race. She looked up at the man and was completely certain that the man standing in front of her was Gu Zhou, not Gu Chuan.

If it were Gu Chuan, he would definitely not speak so gently.

"It's nothing." Matriarch Gu knew that Gu Zhou was unwilling to let others know about his childhood. She stood up and said, "I just wanted to ask about Xiao Qi's condition. Now that I've asked, I'll leave too. You guys chat!"

Seeing this, Gu Zhou nodded. "Okay."

Matriarch Gu also stood up and walked out.

Seeing that Matriarch Gu was about to leave, Qiao Nian stood up and walked her to the door.

After Matriarch Gu left, she even closed the door of the room considerately.

Hence, Qiao Nian and Gu Zhou were the only ones left in the room.

Qiao Nian recalled Matriarch Gu's words and understood Gu Zhou very well. The ill feelings in her heart disappeared.

However, she did not know what to say to Gu Zhou.

After a while, Gu Zhou said, "Didn't you say that you wanted to rest just now?"

Gu Zhou's voice was as calm as ever. There was no emotion in it.

Qiao Nian nodded and said, "Yes, I'm preparing to take a shower and rest."

After she finished speaking, she saw that Gu Zhou was hesitating to speak. She glanced at the folder in Gu Zhou's hand and asked, "Why are you looking for me..."

Gu Zhou had already thought of telling Qiao Nian that he and Gu Qi were father and son. However, at this moment, he hesitated again.

Seeing that Gu Zhou was deep in thought and was silent, Qiao Nian took the initiative to say, "If there's nothing else, I'll go take a shower first?"

She found out so much today that she wanted to slowly digest it.

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Gu Zhou looked at Qiao Nian with a complicated expression. His gaze moved to the document in his hand, then he handed it to Qiao Nian. "I think this matter is very important. I have to tell you."

A trace of surprise flashed in Qiao Nian's eyes. She took the document back from Gu Zhou. Her hand trembled slightly, but she didn't open the document.

If this was just an ordinary document, Qiao Nian wouldn't be so afraid. What if this document was the paternity test report of Gu Zhou and Gu Qi?

She had yet to figure out how to face this paternity test report.

Gu Zhou seemed to sense Qiao Nian's hesitation. He pursed his lips and said in a low and hoarse voice, "Open it!"

Qiao Nian looked at the document in her hand stiffly, her brows furrowed deeply.

After a while, Qiao Nian looked up at Gu Zhou.

Sunlight filtered through the French windows, bathing Gu Zhou in a layer of golden light. He looked much gentler.

She could see the seriousness in Gu Zhou's eyes. He really hoped that she would open this document.

If this really contained Gu Zhou and Gu Qi's paternity test documents, it meant that Gu Zhou had already opened his heart to her and was willing to share his secrets with her.

Since Gu Zhou had already gotten over it, she shouldn't continue to be conflicted.

Some things could not be avoided. They had to be resolved eventually.

There was no time like the present. They should resolve all these matters today.

After thinking everything through, Qiao Nian opened the folder.

When she took out the document inside, she saw the words "Paternity Test" on the first page.

Qiao Nian silently finished reading the entire document. She didn't know what expression to make, because she had long known about this.

Just as Qiao Nian was at a loss for words, she heard Gu Zhou say hoarsely, "This is a copy of the document you have."

Qiao Nian's beautiful fox-like eyes widened uncontrollably. She hadn't expected Gu Zhou to already know that she had gone for a paternity test.

She touched her nose and asked in surprise, "How did you know?"

She finally understood. When they were in the living room just now, Gu Zhou had already known about her visit to the paternity test center.

Gu Zhou was just waiting for her to take the initiative to ask. Perhaps he did not expect her to change the topic.

Could it be that Gu Zhou had wanted to tell her about this to begin with?

"I'm Gu Qi's father." Gu Zhou's dark eyes were stained with a thick layer of ink.

Qiao Nian felt as if a bolt of lightning had struck her, shocking her to the core. For a moment, she didn't know how to react.

She had already known that Gu Zhou and Gu Qi were father and son, but knowing was one thing and hearing Gu Zhou say it himself was another.

At this moment, Gu Zhou was staring unblinkingly at her, as if waiting for her response...

Qiao Nian hesitated for a moment before saying, "Actually, this is your own business. You don't have to tell me everything..."

"Husband and wife should be honest with each other."

When Qiao Nian heard Gu Zhou's words, she recalled that Gu Zhou had previously told her that Gu Qi was just a relative's child. She pursed her lips slightly and continued, "You lied to me previously!"

Gu Zhou stared unblinkingly at Qiao Nian, a trace of pain flashing in his eyes. After a long while, he said, "I just hadn't thought of how to tell you."

Qiao Nian recalled that her marriage with Gu Zhou was just a deal. A nonchalant smile appeared on her face as she said, "When we first got together, we didn't know each other well. It's normal for you to hide something from me."

Gu Zhou's breathing hitched, and his brow furrowed deeper and deeper. His voice was like a voice from hell, making one shiver. "Do you really not care at all?"

"Yeah." A faint smile appeared on Qiao Nian's face as she handed the document to Gu Zhou.

Gu Zhou lowered his gaze slightly and took the document from Qiao Nian. There was a hint of disappointment in his voice as he asked, "Don't you want to know who Gu Qi's mother is?"

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Qiao Nian clenched her right fist involuntarily, but she pretended to be calm. She shook her head and said, "I don't want to."

She suddenly thought of something and continued, "If Xiao Qi's mother comes back one day, I can leave at any time."

As soon as she finished speaking, she felt a chill run down Gu Zhou's spine. She looked down slightly and saw that the document in Gu Zhou's hand was already twisted by him.

Qiao Nian sensed Gu Zhou's displeasure and explained, "Xiao Qi's mother will definitely give him more maternal love. You're Xiao Qi's father. The two of you should have been husband and wife. That way, the two of you can give Xiao Qi more love. Moreover, in this world, no one can replace the position of his mother in Xiao Qi's heart."

"Do you really want Xiao Qi's mother to come back?"

"Of course. What Xiao Qi wants most is for his mother to come home so that he can have a complete family."

Gu Zhou was deep in thought. His expression darkened as he enunciated each word clearly. "You can also be his mother."

"This is different. What Xiao Qi wants the most is his biological mother." Qiao Nian analyzed it seriously. "If his mother comes back, I'm willing to return this position to her."

"His mother is long gone!"

"What do you mean by long gone? Is she dead? Or can't be found for the time being?" Qiao Nian asked, frowning.

"I can't find her."

"As the saying goes, if she's alive, we have to see her. If she's dead, we have to see her corpse. In her current situation, we can only consider her missing." With that, Qiao Nian paused for a moment before asking, "Are you looking for her now?"

Gu Zhou nodded. "There's been no news of her."

Qiao Nian's expression grew more and more serious. No wonder she hadn't found out where Gu Qi's mother was previously. Now, it seemed that she had gone missing.

The Gu family was very powerful. Even Gu Zhou couldn't find Xiao Qi's mother, so it was even harder for her to find her.

Qiao Nian pondered for a moment before asking with concern, "Is there anything special about Xiao Qi's mother? Where's her birthmark? Do you have a photo of her? What's her name? I can help you find her!"

Gu Zhou felt his chest grow more and more uncomfortable. Suppressing his discomfort, he asked in a low voice, "Do you really want his mother to come back?"

"Of course. Moreover, Xiao Qi really wants his mother to come back. Don't you want her to come back?" Qiao Nian asked in confusion.

Gu Zhou's face grew darker and darker, so dark that ink could drip from it. He narrowed his eyes slightly and stared unblinkingly at Qiao Nian. His voice was even hoarser than before. "If she appears, your status will be affected."

Qiao Nian nodded and said, "I know. I've said it before. I'm willing to give it up. What... are you doing... um..."

Before she could finish speaking, Gu Zhou had already sealed her mouth with his.

Gu Zhou's lips were very hot, so hot that her ears turned red. Her face instantly turned red.

She felt as if her entire body was on fire. She couldn't help but blush. Instinctively, she wanted to push Gu Zhou away, but just as her hand touched Gu Zhou, he grabbed it.

Gu Zhou pressed her onto the sofa and held her hand firmly. His kiss was as crazy as a tornado.

Qiao Nian was stunned. Gu Zhou was kissing her while he was awake.

This...

This man!

Why would he kiss her?

Could it be Gu Chuan?

It didn't seem like it.

She was certain that the person who had kissed her just now was Gu Zhou, not anyone else.

Under Gu Zhou's kiss, Qiao Nian's consciousness gradually sank. She no longer had the strength to resist.

Just as Qiao Nian thought that she would suffocate from lack of oxygen, the man finally let go of her.

Qiao Nian's hand was free. She reached out to push Gu Zhou away from her neck. Just as she was about to push him away, she heard Gu Zhou's gentle and lustful voice.

"Nian'er..."

Qiao Nian's hand froze awkwardly in midair. She hesitated for a moment, then gradually retracted her hand. She lay there calmly, not speaking.