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Chapter 811 Ruthless

Qiao Xin glanced worriedly at the operating theater. After some thought, she said, "Sure, I'll meet anytime!"

"Why don't we have dinner tonight?"

"Okay!" Qiao Xin nodded.

Qiao Xin thought of Su Xue, who was covered in wounds in the operating theater. A trace of coldness flashed in her eyes, but her voice was as gentle as ever. "Sister Man Man, I'll find a time for you to meet the Lu family, and I'll help you regain your status as Miss Lu. However, don't forget what you promised me previously."

"I remember. Moreover, I've already asked my little helper to do it. She looks innocent and won't attract Qiao Nian's attention. When Qiao Nian notices, she will already be beyond redemption. Just wait for the good news of my success!"

"Thank you, Sister Man Man!" Qiao Xin said sincerely.

A trace of smugness flashed in Qiao Xin's eyes. When Sister Man Man returned, she would be able to kill Qiao Nian!

"We're good friends. You don't have to be so polite!"

The woman on the other end of the line hung up after saying this.

In the mirror of the bathroom in the service area of the highway, there was a breathtakingly beautiful face.

The woman smiled. Everything around her dimmed.

This woman was none other than Xiao Shi's mother, Song Man.

Song Man stared unblinkingly at the mirror. Her red lips curved up slightly, and her eyes were filled with coldness. Her gaze was so cold that it made one shiver.

Soon, she would get what she wanted. She would no longer have to suffer.

Her gaze gradually moved down to her broken arm. Her red lips were pursed tightly, and she looked displeased.

At this moment, someone walked in.

The ruthlessness on Song Man's face instantly disappeared. She walked out of the bathroom gently.

Song Man had just walked out when she saw Qin Chuan walking towards her not far away. She gave a gentle and fragile smile and said gently, "Mr. Qin, I'm much better now. Let's go!"

"Can you still hold on?" Qin Chuan asked with concern. They could have arrived in An City at noon today, but because Song Man's stomach hurt, they had already been delayed in this service area for more than half an hour.

Song Man smiled gently. Her hair swayed as she shook her head, making her look fragile and beautiful. "Thank you for your concern, Mr. Qin. It doesn't hurt anymore."

"If you're not feeling well, feel free to tell me." Qin Chuan and Song Man walked out together.

Song Man smiled and nodded.

The two of them walked outside. Qin Chuan looked at his subordinates and said, "Alright, we can set off!"

Song Man looked at Qin Chuan's back as Gu Zhou's face flashed across her mind. If it weren't for the fact that she liked Gu Zhou, she might really have fallen for a gentle man like Qin Chuan.

Song Man quickened her pace and walked shoulder to shoulder with Qin Chuan. She turned to look at him and asked, "Mr. Qin, how long will it take us to arrive?"

Qin Chuan took out his phone and glanced at it. There was a traffic jam ahead. He didn't know how long it would last.

He made a simple estimation and said, "It'll probably take another three hours!"

"Okay!" Song Man nodded.

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After Qiao Nian left the Qiao family home, she went straight to the cafe. She found a corner and ordered a cup of coffee, then looked at the diary in her hand seriously.

She had always felt that she had suffered a lot in the past. After reading the diary, she realized that although her life in the countryside had many setbacks, there was also a lot of joy.

It was just like what she had told Xiao Shi previously. She had almost given the dust on her body to Eldest Senior Brother as a life-saving pill.

In the past, in order to catch fireflies, she had specially gone to the rice field on summer nights to wait. However, what awaited her in the end was not fireflies, but heavy rain.

When Qiao Nian saw this, she couldn't help but smile. She had been so naughty.

Qiao Nian continued reading. The smile on her face gradually disappeared.

She had followed her grandfather to pick herbs, and then she had almost fallen off the cliff. Fortunately, Qiao Yu had grabbed her back then, so she hadn't fallen.

From that moment on, she had always treated Qiao Yu as Brother White Shirt.

When she returned to the Qiao family, she realized that Qiao Yu was really her brother.

Chapter 812 Flipping Through the Diary

At that time, she was still a student. She found out that she had been saved by her biological brother, but her biological brother hid her identity.

Ha!

At the thought that Qiao Yu had feelings for her, her expression turned even uglier.

Qiao Nian thought for a while and prepared to tear off this page of the diary. She didn't want to see anything about Qiao Yu at all.

Qiao Nian scrolled down until she reached her six-year-old birthday. She couldn't help but smile.

At that time, she had always envied other children for being able to eat cake on their birthdays.

After her grandfather found out about this, he took her to the county city to buy a cake.

At that time, she was still young. She had always thought that as long as it was a round pastry, it would be a cake. Hence, when she passed by a shop selling snacks, she asked for a large cake and brought it home.

When she was about to put in the candles at night, she realized that the cake shop had not given her any.

At the time, she had thought that it was fine if there were no candles. Anyway, there were many candles in the house.

Qiao Nian took out a candle and was about to celebrate her birthday when she saw Eldest Senior Brother covering his mouth and laughing.

Xiao Qiao Nian looked at Eldest Senior Brother in confusion and muttered softly, "Eldest Senior Brother, what are you laughing at? Doesn't this cake look good?"

Eldest Senior Brother finally restrained his smile. "Junior Sister, how is this a cake? This is just a mooncake the size of a plate!"

When Qiao Nian saw this, the smile in her eyes grew.

At that time, she was too young to understand many things. When she bought the cake, she thought that this cake was a little short and would save her grandfather money.

Qiao Nian touched the diary. When she was six, she didn't know how to write many words. She wrote them in pinyin, but this didn't affect her reading.

Qiao Nian continued reading the diary. Recalling what had happened in the past, she couldn't help but smile.

Suddenly, her phone began to ring.

Qiao Nian took out her phone and realized that she had been reading the diary for more than three hours.

Time passed so quickly.

"Where are you now?" Qiao Nian asked.

Qin Chuan's voice came through the phone. "I've already arrived in An City. Where should I send Miss Song to now?"

When Qiao Nian heard Qin Chuan's words, she closed the diary and said thoughtfully, "Send her to the Dongjiang villa!"

"When are you coming over, then?"

Qiao Nian frowned slightly and said, "It's not convenient to see her now. Lin Tao is in Dongjiang now. She'll help me receive Song Man."

"Alright, I'll send her to the Dongjiang villa now!"

After Qiao Nian hung up on Qin Chuan, she called Lin Tao.

Before Qiao Nian could speak, Lin Tao's curious voice came through the phone.

"Nian Nian, where are you now? When will you be back?"

"Can you take care of them?"

"It's just taking care of two children. Of course I can take care of them. Don't you know who I am? I'm Lin Tao!" Lin Tao said proudly.

Qiao Nian smiled and continued, "In a while, Xiao Shi's Mommy will probably arrive at your place. When the time comes, help me entertain her."

A trace of confusion flashed in Lin Tao's eyes. Puzzled, she asked, "Aren't you coming back now?"

Qiao Nian glanced at the unfinished diary and continued, "I still have some things to do here. I'll go over later."

Lin Tao lowered her gaze slightly. She felt that Qiao Nian was too kind. If she were in Qiao Nian's shoes, she wouldn't be willing to bring that woman over. After all, she wasn't that magnanimous.

Although she didn't want that woman to come over, she still liked these two children.

These two children were sensible, good, and extremely obedient.

However, of course, Lin Tao wouldn't say these things in front of the two children or Qiao Nian. She believed that Qiao Nian must have her own reasons for doing this.

"Alright, then hurry over when you're done."

After Lin Tao hung up, she looked at Xiao Shi, who was playing a game on her phone. Smiling, she said, "Xiao Shi, you'll be able to see your mommy soon!"

When Xiao Shi heard Lin Tao's words, her eyes lit up. She asked expectantly, "Really?"

Chapter 813 Mommy Is Here

"Of course it's true!"

Xiao Shi's face was filled with excitement, and her eyes were filled with stars. She turned to look at Gu Qi, who was sitting at the side, and said happily, "Brother, did you hear that? Mommy will be here soon, and you'll be able to see her. Mommy has been thinking about you at home. She'll definitely be very happy to see you!"

Gu Qi was not as excited as he had been when he was young. In the past, he had wanted to see his mommy the most and could not wait to be with her. However, after thinking for a long time, he hesitated.

He didn't know how to get along with his mommy.

Moreover, he was a little worried that his mommy would not be able to accept Auntie Nian Nian.

After thinking about it, Gu Qi finally thought of a compromise.

"Xiao Shi." Gu Qi looked at Xiao Shi seriously and said, "Can I pretend to be you first and spend some time with Mommy? After we get along, I'll take the initiative to tell her my identity?"

When she heard Gu Qi's words, she recalled how excited she had been when she saw her father last night.

Brother must be too excited to tell Mommy his identity directly.

After Brother got familiar with Mommy, he would get along happily with her.

"Okay!" Xiao Shi nodded.

Gu Qi heaved a sigh of relief. He looked at Lin Tao, who was standing not far away, and asked, "Auntie Lin Tao, can I trouble you with something?"

Lin Tao looked at Gu Qi in confusion. "What is it?"

"Can I trouble you to leave the house with my sister first? That way, I can be alone with Mommy!" Gu Qi looked at Lin Tao seriously.

Lin Tao was stunned.

Were all children nowadays like this?

If she hadn't seen it with her own eyes, she wouldn't have believed that these two children could say such things.

Lin Tao hesitated for a moment before asking, "Can you really do it alone?"

Gu Qi pursed his lips. After a long while, he nodded and said, "Auntie Lin Tao, don't worry. I can do it alone. I want to slowly get familiar with her through this method."

Seeing Gu Qi's words, Lin Tao couldn't persuade him anymore, so she agreed.

Lin Tao left with Xiao Shi first.

Gu Qi was the only one left in the Dongjiang villa.

Gu Qi sat on the small sofa with a serious expression. He placed his small hands on his knees and clenched his fists tightly, looking nervous.

Qiao Nian's face appeared in his mind. His biological mother was about to arrive, but he was so unfilial. Yet, he wanted Auntie Nian Nian to be his mother.

Just as Gu Qi's thoughts were running wild, the doorbell rang.

Gu Qi's heart beat faster and faster. His body tensed up involuntarily. He sat there, not knowing what to do.

After a while, the doorbell rang again.

Gu Qi pursed his lips tightly. He mustered his courage and walked towards the entrance of the villa.

When he reached the door of the villa, he opened it.

There was a very beautiful woman standing outside the door.

Gu Qi's mind raced.

So his biological mother was also so good-looking.

Gu Qi wanted to call her Mommy, but he couldn't bring himself to do so.

Song Man stood there calmly. She looked at the gorgeous princess dress Xiao Shi was wearing, and a trace of surprise flashed in her eyes.

When Xiao Shi wore this dress, she did not look poor at all. Instead, she looked like a young lady who had grown up in a rich family. She looked like the daughter of a rich family.

The only difference between Xiao Shi and before was that in the past, Xiao Shi could not wait to get close to her, but now, Xiao Shi stood there motionless.

Qin Chuan stood beside Song Man with a gentle smile on his face. He asked, "Xiao Shi, can I enter your house now?"

Gu Qi stood at the side and made way.

Seeing Xiao Shi like this, Song Man frowned.

Why wasn't Xiao Shi close to her now?

Could it be that she was unwilling to bother with her because she had been separated from her for two days?

Song Man did not want to be distant from Xiao Shi. She would have to rely on her to do many things in the future.

Moreover, if she wanted to be with Gu Zhou, she had to rely on Xiao Shi.

Chapter 814 Unstable

With this thought in mind, Song Man slowly squatted down in front of Xiao Shi and touched her face gently. She asked softly, "Xiao Shi, Mommy has missed you so much these past two days. Did you miss Mommy?"

Gu Qi looked at the woman in front of him. Although he knew that she was his mommy, for some reason, he still felt that she was very unfamiliar.

This unfamiliarity made him unwilling to speak.

He had never felt this way about Auntie Nian Nian in the past.

However, he still liked the feeling of her touching his face. For the first time in his life, he felt his mommy touch his face.

He was also a child with a mommy now.

Qin Chuan had already sent Song Man over. He glanced at the time. As he had other things to do, he instructed Song Man, "Miss Song, I've already sent you over. You can stay here in peace in the future. I won't disturb you and your daughter anymore. You two should catch up!"

Song Man stood up and looked at Qin Chuan with a gentle smile. She nodded. "Thank you for sending me here, Mr. Qin."

"You're welcome!"

Qin Chuan left with his subordinates. Only Song Man and Gu Qi were left in the living room of the Dongjiang villa.

Gu Qi sat where he was. He didn't know how to speak to his mommy. He glanced at the time. It was past three in the afternoon, and it wasn't time to eat. He might as well ask his mommy if she wanted afternoon tea.

Gu Qi was conflicted about how to take the initiative to speak.

When Song Man heard the door of the villa close, her gentle face instantly turned cold. She looked at Gu Qi coldly.

Gu Qi noticed the change in Song Man's gaze and was slightly stunned. He sensed that his mother had already retracted her hand.

The warmth in her hand instantly disappeared.

Before he could feel his mommy's gentleness, it had already disappeared. All that was left was coldness.

At this moment, his mother was just like nanny Zhang Yi in the past. She looked at him with only coldness and disgust.

Gu Qi was a little puzzled. Why was Mommy looking at him like this? Could it be that Mommy already knew that he wasn't Xiao Shi?

Song Man looked at Gu Qi with a dark expression and questioned coldly, "Xiao Shi, why are you here? Why didn't you pick Mommy up?"

Gu Qi frowned.

Mommy thought he was Xiao Shi.

Did Mommy usually talk to Xiao Shi like this?

Why did Mommy suddenly seem to be a different person?

"I—"

Before Gu Qi could finish speaking, Song Man interrupted him. "You what?"

However, Song Man's tone was identical to Zhang Yi's.

Gu Qi understood that she was angry.

However, Gu Qi couldn't understand why his mommy was angry.

Xiao Shi was still so young. Why couldn't Mommy come over herself? Why did she take her anger out on her?

Gu Qi met Song Man's eyes. For some reason, he recalled Auntie Nian Nian's gaze on him.

Auntie Nian Nian had never looked at him with such dissatisfaction and anger.

Auntie Nian Nian looked at him with a gentle and kind gaze.

Gu Qi thought of Auntie Nian Nian and mustered his courage. "Auntie Nian Nian felt that the journey was a little far and wanted me to see Mommy as soon as possible, so she got someone to pick you up!"

When Song Man heard Xiao Shi's words, her expression instantly darkened.

If it were any other time, Xiao Shi would have apologized a long time ago.

Now, Xiao Shi was actually quibbling!

Auntie Nian Nian?

Could it be that Xiao Shi was talking about Qiao Nian?

Song Man's expression darkened. She clearly liked that woman.

At the thought of Xiao Shi liking Qiao Nian, she felt uncomfortable.

Now, because of Qiao Nian, Xiao Shi had grown distant from her and treated her coldly!

Song Man questioned coldly, "Do you like Auntie Nian Nian a lot?"

Gu Qi nodded without hesitation. "Yes!"

Gu Qi believed that even if Xiao Shi was here, she would answer this question honestly.

Song Man's heart had already sunk to the bottom. Her anger was burning as she tried hard to suppress it. She hesitated for a moment before pulling Gu Qi into her arms and saying apologetically, "Xiao Shi, I'm sorry. It's Mommy's fault. Mommy shouldn't have spoken to you like this. Mommy has been separated from you for so long. I was worried that something would happen to you, so I was so angry. That's why my tone wasn't kind. Don't be angry with Mommy!"

Chapter 815 Mommy's Life Isn't Easy Too

When Gu Qi heard Song Man's words, he recalled what Xiao Shi had told him.

Xiao Shi had said that his mommy had lost an arm, so her temper was a little bad. She had asked him to take care of her more.

Gu Qi recalled Song Man's gentleness when she first arrived at the villa, her coldness after Qin Chuan and the others left, and now his heart was filled with guilt.

It seemed that her mood was really volatile.

Gu Qi roughly understood Song Man's situation.

Mommy couldn't control her emotions.

Gu Qi's gaze landed on his mother's broken arm and he sighed silently.

He could understand what his mommy was doing now.

It wasn't easy for Mommy either.

Song Man let go of him. Her gaze was the same as when she first entered the room. She asked gently, "Xiao Shi, did you see your daddy? Did you acknowledge him?"

Gu Qi said, "I haven't reunited with Daddy yet. I ... "

When the car arrived at the Dongjiang villa, Song Man thought that she had already found her grandparents when she was young.

However, after she entered the villa, she realized that it was empty. There were only things for children and nothing for elderly people. In addition, Gu Qi had just mentioned Qiao Nian. She thought that she had already reunited with Gu Zhou.

Song Man couldn't understand why Qiao Nian had sent her to the Dongjiang villa. What was her motive?

Previously, she had heard from others that Qiao Nian was very smart. Now, it seemed that she had to be fully alert.

"Why didn't you acknowledge your daddy?" Song Man asked, looking at Xiao Shi coldly.

"I want to wait."

Song Man looked puzzled. Puzzled, she asked, "Why wait? Perhaps your daddy misses you too. How can you bear to make him sad? Could it be that your Auntie Nian Nian won't let you acknowledge your daddy?"

Gu Qi shook his head and said seriously, "I didn't want to."

When Song Man heard his words, her expression immediately darkened.

She must have been deceived by Qiao Nian's sweet words, so she decided not to acknowledge her father.

Qiao Nian was really too cunning. She was so scheming. It seemed that she had to be more careful in the future, lest she be tricked by Qiao Nian.

Song Man's expression darkened and her tone was cold. "Xiao Shi, we had a hard time living in Hai Cheng. Back then, I worked so hard to raise you because I hoped to find our family. Then, we wouldn't have to work so hard in the future."

"We were often bullied in Hai Cheng and have relied on each other until now. Mommy thought that we would all work hard to make each other happy. Why do you push happiness away?" Song Man's frown deepened, and her voice became sharp.

When Gu Qi heard Song Man's words, he felt more and more uncomfortable. He slowly lowered his eyes and his gaze inadvertently landed on Song Man's remaining hand.

Her hands were fair and delicate, and her fingers were long and slender.

Such hands must not have done any heavy work. Gu Qi couldn't help but frown.

He had seen Xiao Shi's hands.

Xiao Shi's hands were covered in scars and calluses. It was obvious that she had done a lot of work.

Why were Mommy's hands smooth and delicate, but her hands were old and rough?

Gu Qi recalled what Song Man had just said. He had a strange feeling in his heart and muttered softly, "Do you just want to find Daddy and use him to let you live a luxurious life?"

Gu Qi didn't understand. Didn't one have to fight for a happy life?

Song Man's expression changed drastically. Her heart jumped to her throat as she looked at him in shock.

How could this child be so sharp?

She was too smart!

However, she quickly calmed down. She had always been smarter and more sensible than others when she was young. It was normal for her to think of this.

Song Man hurriedly shook her head and explained eagerly, "When you were young, Mom felt sorry for you. You were the little princess of the Gu family to begin with. You should have been living a carefree life, but when you were in Hai Cheng with Mom, you had to live a poor life. Mom didn't want you to live such a hard life for the rest of your life, do you understand?"

Gu Qi looked at Song Man expressionlessly, his heart gradually sinking to the bottom.

Chapter 816 Disillusionment

Initially, he had thought that his mommy was a gentle and kind person, the best person in the world.

But all of that had changed.

He felt that his imaginary mommy was completely different from her.

In the past, he often thought that his mommy must be a very gentle and kind person. She would have a gentle smile on her face, and when she smiled, her eyes would curve into crescents. She would speak gently to everyone.

Perhaps Mommy might not be very beautiful, but she would definitely exude a warm aura.

But the mommy sitting in front of him was completely different from what he had imagined.

His mommy was actually so snobbish, just like Zhang Yi, the nanny who had taken care of him in the past.

Gu Qi stared unblinkingly into Song Man's eyes and asked, "Since you knew who my father was, why didn't you tell me?"

When Song Man heard this, she panicked.

She had never told Xiao Shi about her father before. This time, she almost gave herself away.

Song Man had never expected that the first person she would find was Gu Zhou.

Song Man had initially thought that when she gained a foothold in the Lu family, she would let Xiao Shi acknowledge Gu Zhou.

She had let it slip just now because she was flustered.

Xiao Shi had always been smarter than others. She didn't know how to explain herself to hide what she had just said.

However, Gu Qi did not give Song Man a chance to continue thinking. He asked again, "Since you originally wanted to raise me alone, why didn't you bring me to Daddy earlier? Why did you only let me acknowledge him now?"

"Xiao Shi, you've misunderstood Mommy. That's not what Mommy meant," Song Man hurriedly explained. Seeing Gu Qi's indifferent expression, her eyes instantly turned red, looking very aggrieved.

Gu Qi looked at Song Man's aggrieved expression expressionlessly.

Song Man sighed softly and said, "Back then, when I gave birth to you and your brother, I fainted because it was too painful. At that time, I vaguely saw Gu Zhou's face, but I couldn't be sure that man was Gu Zhou."

As Song Man spoke, she raised her hand to wipe the tears from the corners of her eyes and sniffled. "Xiao Shi, we lived in Hai Cheng. You should know what kind of place Hai Cheng is. Hai Cheng is a place that eats people alive. The gap between the rich and the poor is so big. When I woke up, I was busy taking care of you, and I didn't have the money to come to An City. Even if I did, I might not have the chance to see Gu Zhou." At this point, Song Man's voice choked up. "At that time, I wanted you to acknowledge your father. However, our family wasn't well-off at that time, and we owed a lot of money. Mommy had to support you while paying off the debt. Those debt collectors kept staring at our family. At that time, we couldn't leave the house directly, right?"

Gu Qi lowered his gaze slightly, his eyes moved.

He had always known that his sister and mommy had a hard time, but he did not expect them to have such a hard life.

Seeing that Gu Qi was listening, Song Man continued, "I've been paying my debts for more than two years. Mommy wasn't in good health. Later on, Mommy wanted to send your photo to your father so that you could acknowledge him. However, Mommy had seen the relevant reports before. Everyone said that he didn't have a child. Mommy remembered that he took your brother away, so Mommy thought that she had mistaken him for someone else."

Gu Qi pursed his lips tightly.

At that time, his father had always kept him in the Dongjiang villa. He was unwilling to let him stay in the Gu family's villa, nor was he willing to make his existence public.

He hadn't known why his father was doing this before, but now he understood. His father wanted to protect his personal safety.

Now, it seemed that Mommy was right.

He could understand now why his mommy had not told him who his father was when he was young.

Seeing that Gu Qi was listening to her, Song Man couldn't help but feel smug. "I thought this was your grandparents' house, but when you mentioned Qiao Nian, I heard about her long ago. Qiao Nian is so outstanding. She's very close to the Gu family now. She's Gu Zhou's private doctor. Since she arranged for you to be here, there's only one possibility. That man back then was Gu Zhou. I wasn't wrong back then!"

Chapter 817 Alert

Song Man felt that she was especially smart and made up for this flaw in time.

Her reasons were reasonable and flawless.

Gu Qi did not find any loopholes in Song Man's words. All these years, he had missed his mommy, so he was still willing to believe that his mommy was a kind and honest person.

Therefore, Gu Qi was willing to believe Song Man's words.

However, Song Man's next words puzzled Gu Qi again and made him wary.

"Xiao Shi, didn't Mommy tell you before that we have to work hard to find Father and your brother? Don't you remember?"

Gu Qi nodded. He had heard about this from Xiao Shi.

Song Man sighed slightly and said guiltily, "This is all Mommy's fault. Mommy has always felt sorry for you. If Mommy hadn't fainted back then, you might have returned to the Gu family. You wouldn't have to live a hard life with Mommy anymore. Mommy's greatest wish is for you to live a carefree life, like other children, and go to school happily."

When Gu Qi heard Song Man's words, he was a little moved. He felt that he shouldn't have questioned his mommy just now.

His mommy was indeed as gentle and kind as he had thought.

He shouldn't have spoken to his mommy in such a violent tone just now.

Although he was not familiar with the woman in front of him yet, he knew that she was his mommy, the person who had given him life.

Although he really wanted to apologize to his mommy, after struggling for a long time, he did not know how to start.

Song Man stood up and walked to Gu Qi. She sat down and gently took his hand, asking tentatively, "Xiao Shi, you told me previously that Auntie Nian Nian arranged for you to stay here. Do you know why she asked you to stay here?"

When she heard Song Man's question, she said seriously, "Auntie Nian Nian wants me to find a suitable opportunity to reunite with Daddy!"

Song Man's heart was filled with disdain.

She didn't think Qiao Nian would be so kind. It seemed that Xiao Shi was still too innocent. She didn't know that humans were sinister.

With this thought in mind, Song Man said meaningfully, "Xiao Shi, you've been tricked. You don't know that your appearance with me will threaten Qiao Nian's position as the Young Madam of the Gu family. It's impossible for her to be so kind as to let you acknowledge your father. The reason why she placed you here is because she doesn't want you to acknowledge your father. You've lived in the slums for so long. Don't you know what human hearts are like?"

"She just wants to lock you up and find a chance to chase you out of An City so that you won't acknowledge your daddy for the rest of your life!" Song Man said with a dark expression.

When Gu Qi heard Song Man's words, he instantly felt uncomfortable. Last night, Auntie Nian Nian had already let Xiao Shi meet her father.

Auntie Nian Nian was the gentlest and kindest person in the world. Moreover, Auntie Nian Nian had said that she would let his father acknowledge Xiao Shi.

In the past, when everyone suspected that he was depressed, it was Auntie Nian Nian who stood up and said that he was not sick.

Auntie Nian Nian would work hard to prove his innocence.

Auntie Nian Nian clearly knew that he was her father's child, but she accepted him without hesitation.

Gu Qi replied without hesitation, "You're wrong. Auntie Nian Nian isn't that kind of person at all. She's especially good and kind!"

Song Man was slightly stunned when she heard Gu Qi's words.

She had said something wrong just now. She could understand if Xiao Shi was sad, but why was she speaking up for an outsider now?

Now, for the sake of an outsider, she actually talked back to her.

When Song Man realized this, her expression instantly darkened. She had painstakingly raised this child. She could not speak up for outsiders!

With this thought in mind, Song Man said coldly, "When you were young, did Mommy raise you painstakingly just to let you speak up for outsiders?"

When Gu Qi heard Song Man's words, his lips pursed tighter and tighter.

He didn't like the way his mommy spoke to him, nor did he like her reprimanding him like this.

For some reason, when he looked at his mommy, he kept thinking of Zhang Yi.

Chapter 818 Dispute

That vicious woman who wanted to be her father's wife.

And the woman he hated the most.

Why was Mommy so similar to Zhang Yi?

Gu Qi was a little protective. He liked Auntie Nian Nian very much, and Auntie Nian Nian was very gentle to him. He didn't want anyone to slander Auntie Nian Nian.

Even if the person who slandered Auntie Nian Nian was his biological mother.

It was at this moment that Gu Qi had already forgotten that he was still acting as Xiao Shi. He looked at Song Man and said seriously, "You haven't even seen Auntie Nian Nian. How do you know what she's thinking? Moreover, she's not even worried about your existence. Whether it will affect her status is her business. Why do you think that? It's wrong for you to think that way!"

Gu Qi's words were cold. For a moment, Song Man was speechless.

Song Man had never expected the child she had painstakingly raised to become an ingrate.

She had initially wanted to rely on Xiao Shi to deal with Qiao Nian, but it seemed that Xiao Shi was already on Qiao Nian's side.

Why?

She had been with Xiao Shi for more than five years. Why was she still biased towards others?

The more Song Man thought about it, the angrier she became. She raised her hand and slapped Gu Qi's face without hesitation.

Slap...

A clear voice resounded throughout the living room.

Gu Qi had never expected Song Man to hit him. He felt a burning pain.

He had never been beaten up since he was young.

No matter how bad Zhang Yi was, she would only hit his butt and palm.

This was the first time he had been hit like this.

He had actually been hit by his mother, whom he had missed for a long time.

Gu Qi's face hurt, but his heart hurt even more.

He wasn't heartbroken because he had been beaten up.

He was a little worried about his sister.

Did his sister often get beaten up when she was at home in the past?

Previously, he had specially asked Xiao Shi if Mommy would hit anyone when she was unstable.

At that time, Xiao Shi only smiled and did not speak.

Now that he thought about it, Xiao Shi had been beaten up a lot.

How had his sister suffered so much?

At this moment, the door was kicked open.

Gu Qi looked up and saw Qiao Nian standing at the door nervously.

When Gu Qi saw Qiao Nian, his eyes lit up. Qiao Nian was like a beam of light, illuminating the darkness in his heart.

Qiao Nian had just arrived. Just as she was about to enter, she saw Song Man hit Gu Qi.

She had initially thought that Gu Qi's biological mother was quite good-looking, but Gu Qi's mother didn't look like she had worked at all.

Her gaze fell on Song Man's hand. Her hand was smooth and delicate. It was obvious that she had been pampered.

Why were Xiao Shi's hands so rough? It was obvious that she had done a lot of work.

As a mother who had been pampered, how could she let her child work?

Now, Song Man had hit Gu Qi without any explanation. What was going on?

Qiao Nian walked up to Gu Qi, exuding a cold aura that came from hell. She shielded Gu Qi behind her, blocking Song Man's view of Gu Qi.

Qiao Nian glared at Song Man, then turned to look at Gu Qi. Seeing the new palm print on Gu Qi's face and how swollen it was, her heart ached.

Qiao Nian carefully touched Gu Qi's face and said softly, "I need to ice it later."

Gu Qi didn't speak. Feeling the warmth of Qiao Nian's palm, his eyes couldn't help but turn red. He tried hard not to cry.

This was the first time he had seen his mommy. She had actually hit him.

Not only did his mommy not feel sorry for him, but she was also especially angry because he had told her what Auntie Nian Nian was like.

Song Man stood indifferently at the side. She glanced at Qiao Nian and Xiao Shi and instantly understood Qiao Nian's relationship with Xiao Shi.

How was this fair?

She had been taking care of her for five years, but she had only seen Qiao Nian for two to three days. In the end, she still spoke up for Qiao Nian.

Even if Qiao Nian looked at her like a mother looking at her own child, Xiao Shi couldn't betray her.

Not only did Song Man's anger not subside, but it also grew worse.

At this moment, Song Man suddenly received a cold gaze.

Chapter 819 Argument

Song Man looked over and met Qiao Nian's gaze. Her expression instantly darkened.

Who did Qiao Nian think she was?

She was just something to flush!

How dare she show off in front of her?

When she returned to the Lu family and her children acknowledged their ancestors, she would be the most respected woman in the world. Qiao Nian wasn't even worthy of carrying her shoes.

"Why did you hit the child?" Qiao Nian's eyes were cold, and her voice was firm and unceremonious.

Song Man met Qiao Nian's gaze fearlessly and said coldly, "You must be the Auntie Nian Nian Xiao Shi was talking about!"

"Why did you hit the child?" Qiao Nian asked coldly.

She did not care about anything else. She was only concerned about why Song Man had hit the child.

A child was a gift from the heavens to adults. A child was an innocent and adorable angel.

If Song Man could raise such a gentle, adorable, and kind child, why did she still hit her child?

She really didn't know how lucky she was.

Qiao Nian's eyes grew colder and colder, as if they were tinged with cold poison.

When Song Man heard Qiao Nian's words, she frowned and said coldly, "Mothers have to teach children when they make mistakes. I'm her mother. She did something wrong, so I should hit her. What's wrong with that? Miss Qiao, please don't interfere. If a child can't be taught well when he is young, he'll be lawless in the future. Don't you know that blindly supporting a child will lead a child down the wrong path?"

Song Man sneered and continued, "Of course I have to teach my child well. Miss Qiao, please stand aside. Don't disturb me from teaching my child!"

What Song Man meant was that Qiao Nian was just an outsider. She shouldn't disturb her when she was disciplining her child.

Qiao Nian stood there coldly, not retreating at all because of Song Man's words.

After reading the diary, she was about to return. She had wanted to call Lin Tao first and ask about the situation here.

However, after she picked up the call, she realized that Xiao Zhou wanted to pretend to be Xiao Shi and be alone with his mommy.

She had always found Xiao Shi's mother a little strange.

If a child worked with his mother in his teens, Qiao Nian might think that it was normal. However, a fiveyear-old child's hands were covered in calluses. It was obvious that she had done a lot of work at home.

Which mother in this world would bear to let her child do so much work?

She had suspected Song Man before, but she could not confirm if she was the mother of the two children.

Precisely because she could not be sure of this, she wanted to wait and see. After confirming Song Man's true identity, she would think about what to do next.

However, her sixth sense told Qiao Nian that Song Man was definitely a dangerous person.

Qiao Nian would never allow Gu Qi to be alone with a dangerous person.

When Xiao Shi went to the Gu residence yesterday, Gu Zhou did not realize that she was not Gu Qi.

That was because Gu Zhou's heart was filled with the desire to take care of his child, so he would not let his imagination run wild. Moreover, Gu Zhou did not know that there was still Xiao Shi in this world.

But Song Man was different.

Song Man was a woman. A woman's heart was very delicate to begin with.

If Song Man realized that something was wrong with her child's expression, she might quickly realize that the child in front of her was Gu Qi.

She didn't know what Song Man wanted to do, but she was very worried about Gu Qi's safety, so she drove back.

She had just walked to the door when she heard Song Man and Gu Qi arguing. Before she could push the door open and enter, she stole a glance through the glass window and saw Gu Qi being slapped by Song Man.

When she saw this, her heart was about to jump out of her throat.

Although Gu Qi was not her child, she had long treated him as her own. She would never allow anyone to bully her child.

She knew very well that the woman in front of her was Gu Qi's biological mother, but she really couldn't accept that Song Man had hit Gu Qi.

In the past five years, Song Man had not taken care of Gu Qi for a single day. Just because Gu Qi had a different opinion from her, she wanted to hit him?

Was this what a mother should do?

In Qiao Nian's opinion, if a child makes a mistake, adults should reason with them first. If that really didn't work, they could use other methods.

Song Man did not reason with Gu Qi at all, and she went out of hand.

Chapter 820 Counterattack

Seeing that Qiao Nian was still glaring at her, Song Man said expressionlessly, "Miss Qiao, this is our own family matter. It has nothing to do with you. Please don't..."

Bam!

Qiao Nian raised her hand and slapped Song Man's face, interrupting her.

Song Man was stunned.

She covered her face with her hand and looked at Qiao Nian in disbelief.

At this moment, Gu Qi was also stunned. His eyes widened as he muttered, "Auntie Nian Nian!"

Qiao Nian retracted her hand indifferently and looked at Song Man coldly. She said, "Miss Song, this is my home and my territory. You should know your limits. In my territory, no matter what your child has done wrong, you can't hit her. You can only talk to her properly!"

Qiao Nian paused for a moment, her body growing colder and colder. She continued, "I didn't slap you today on behalf of Xiao Shi. I just wanted to tell you that you're not allowed to do such a thing in my house. An outsider using violence in someone else's house is too rude!"

Song Man looked at Qiao Nian in disbelief.

What was Qiao Nian thinking?

Hitting her for this reason.

Was Qiao Nian a fool?

Without waiting for Song Man to speak, Qiao Nian turned to look at Gu Qi. She grabbed Gu Qi's hand and said gently, "Xiao Shi, Auntie Nian will take you to apply medicine. Let's go!"

Gu Qi nodded when he heard Qiao Nian's words. He allowed Qiao Nian to pull him away.

Song Man watched as the two of them left. Her breathing was uniform, and she almost suffocated.

For some reason, she felt that the two of them looked like mother and daughter.

She seemed to be an extra person.

At the thought that Xiao Shi had left with someone who had hit her biological mother, Song Man's expression turned colder and colder.

Why was this happening?

She had only been apart from her for a few days, but she was actually getting along so well with other women. Xiao Shi even contradicted her for other women.

It seemed that this little girl was going to escape from her grasp.

Song Man's eyes gradually filled with ruthlessness. She would never allow Xiao Shi to escape from her grasp.

In the future, she would have to rely on her to enjoy wealth and glory.

Song Man knew very well that if she chased after her now, she would probably be even angrier.

She had to calm down. When Xiao Shi returned later, she would use other methods to regain her heart.

As long as Xiao Shi stood by her side, Gu Zhou would definitely marry her.

Song Man's eyes were filled with complicated emotions. She paced back and forth in the living room, thinking about how to pull Xiao Shi back.

Qiao Nian held Gu Qi's hand and walked out of the villa. When they were outside, she turned around and saw that Song Man hadn't chased after her.

A trace of surprise flashed in Qiao Nian's eyes.

Why didn't Song Man chase after her?

Did Song Man really not care about Xiao Shi at all?

The two of them had been together for more than five years. Song Man clearly knew that Xiao Shi had suffered. Why did she let Xiao Shi leave with her?

Qiao Nian didn't understand what Song Man was thinking. Her heart ached as she looked at Gu Qi.

Gu Qi had probably not expected his biological mother to be like this.

Qiao Nian squatted down and pulled Gu Qi into her arms. She said gently, "Xiao Qi, I'm sorry for being late!"

In Qiao Nian's arms, Gu Qi felt as if he was soaking in a hot spring. He also felt warmth and comfort.

In his fantasy, his mother's embrace was just so warm and comfortable.

Without hesitation, Gu Qi reached out and hugged Qiao Nian's neck. He pressed his face against hers and said softly, "Auntie Nian Nian, I'm fine. It doesn't hurt at all!"

When Qiao Nian heard Gu Qi's comforting words, she felt a lump in her throat and tears welled up in her eyes.

She knew in her heart that Gu Qi should be the saddest one, but she didn't understand why Gu Qi still wanted to comfort her.

She hugged Gu Qi tightly and recalled how Gu Qi had squatted alone in a corner. At that time, Gu Qi had looked extremely pitiful.

She recalled that when Gu Qi was sick, he was also missing his mother.

Gu Qi had finally found his mother, but in the end...

At this moment, Qiao Nian hoped that Song Man wasn't their mother, because Song Man wasn't worthy of being their mother at all.