

## • **Mr. Gu, Your Replacement Bride Is A Big Shot!**

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She was the precious daughter of a rich family, and the biological sister of the genius business magnate, Qiao Yu.

Many people envied her status.

The injustice in Qiao Xin's heart eased a lot. In her high heels, she walked out arrogantly.

After Qiao Xin left, Qiao Yu and Qiao Nian were the only ones left in the room.

Qiao Yu's expression was complicated. He looked up at Qiao Nian and asked calmly, "You didn't ask me here today for that project, right?"

Qiao Nian couldn't be bothered to feign civility with Qiao Yu. She asked directly, "I just want to ask you a question!"

"What question?"

"Were you the one who saved me when I fell off the cliff at the age of six?"

When Qiao Yu heard Qiao Nian's question, he was slightly stunned. He met Qiao Nian's cold eyes.

Qiao Nian's tone wasn't good, as if she was questioning him.

Qiao Yu picked up his coffee cup and took a sip before placing it on the table. He looked at Qiao Nian calmly and said, "Looks like you already know what happened back then. Why are you still asking?"

When Qiao Nian heard Qiao Yu's words, her eyes darkened. Indeed, the person who had saved her back then wasn't Qiao Yu, but Gu Chuan.

Gu Chuan's personality seemed to exist for her.

Every time Gu Chuan appeared, he would tell her the same thing.

He had saved her life.

At that time, Qiao Nian had thought that Gu Chuan was a lunatic, forcing his imagination on her.

She also thought that he was a paranoid person. But now it seemed that Gu Chuan was just reminding her of the past, because he was just telling her a fact.

She had misunderstood Gu Chuan.

Qiao Nian felt the air gradually thin. She felt suffocated.

Qiao Nian looked at Gu Chuan coldly and said, "You lied to me!"

Qiao Yu's expression was calm, without a trace of uneasiness. He met Qiao Nian's gaze fearlessly and enunciated each word clearly. "From the beginning, I've told you that it wasn't me!"

When Qiao Nian heard Qiao Yu's words, she was slightly stunned. Memories of her childhood gradually surged into her mind, gradually becoming clearer.

She remembered.

She remembered that Brother White Shirt had saved her back then. After that, she had fainted.

Later on, when she saw the young Qiao Yu walking in wearing a white shirt, Qiao Yu's back was facing the sunlight. His face was also hidden in the shadows, and his hairstyle was very similar to Gu Chuan's.

That was why she had always thought that Brother White Shirt was Qiao Yu.

When Brother White Shirt saved her back then, she clearly remembered that Brother White Shirt's shirt was stained red with blood.

She had always been very grateful to him.

If it weren't for him, she might have died long ago.

For the past ten years, she had always remembered the beauty of that time.

Moreover, she had always treated Qiao Yu as her savior and the most important person to her.

At that time, she felt that Qiao Yu's feelings for her seemed to be a little different. Otherwise, she wouldn't gradually alienate Qiao Yu.

Later on, she and Qiao Yu became passersby.

Five years ago, Qiao Xin had caused her to lose her virginity and be locked up in a mental hospital. At that time, Qiao Yu had chosen Qiao Xin without hesitation, but he was unwilling to believe her.

The little bit of gratitude she had for Qiao Yu disappeared.

Only now did she realize that Qiao Yu had never saved her from the beginning.

Qiao Nian's lips curved up slightly, relieved.

Seeing the smile on Qiao Nian's face, Qiao Yu's heart felt empty. He asked uneasily, "Why are you smiling like that?"

In the past, Qiao Nian had been unwilling to be ruthless to Qiao Yu because he had saved her life after all.

She was not as heartless as she treated the rest of the Qiao family.

She would always remember that one good thing about Qiao Yu. Now that she thought about it carefully, when Qiao Yu went to look for her, he clearly knew who she was.

Qiao Yu also knew that she wanted to go home, but he had never helped her fulfill her wish.

Moreover, Qiao Yu hadn't told her the truth, but he had been hiding it from her like she was a fool.

Now, it seemed that Qiao Yu was also one of the culprits. He was no different from the rest of the Qiao family.

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That smile just now was not only a form of relief for her past, but also a form of anticipation for the future.

After going around in circles, it turned out that the person who had saved her was Gu Zhou.

Her benefactor was also Gu Zhou.

Since Qiao Yu had nothing to do with Brother White Shirt, she could deal with the Qiao family without restraint, and without any psychological burden.

She had already found the answer she wanted today.

She was a very cautious person.

If she had doubts, she would want to confirm them.

Now it confirmed her guess.

After discussing private matters today, they were about to discuss business. Qiao Nian put away the smile on her face and looked at Qiao Yu solemnly. She asked, "Qiao Yu, why did you ask me to come over today?"

Qiao Yu was slightly stunned. Qiao Nian looked at him as if she was looking at a stranger. His heart seemed to be clenched tightly by a hand, and it hurt terribly.

Qiao Yu swallowed. His voice was hoarse as he asked uneasily, "Aren't you angry?"

“Why should I be angry? Moreover, to be precise, I should be thanking you. If you hadn’t given me the right answer, I might have spent more effort to find out the truth.” The smile on Qiao Nian’s face grew brighter.

Qiao Yu was slightly stunned. At this moment, he suddenly understood something.

The furthest distance in the world was not between life and death, but between hearts.

The most terrifying thing was that the other party was already indifferent, but he couldn’t forget her.

He felt that Qiao Nian was gradually leaving him. He couldn’t seem to get any closer to her.

Seeing that Qiao Yu had his head lowered in silence, Qiao Nian asked impatiently, “Didn’t you say previously that you had already written a proposal for me? Where is your proposal? I want to take a look!”

As Qiao Nian spoke, she glanced at the watch on her wrist and continued, “It’s getting late. I can only give you five minutes!”

Qiao Yu looked at Qiao Nian with a complicated expression. Only then did he hand the proposal to Qiao Nian. His voice was hoarse and unpleasant to the ear, like autumn leaves brushing against dry old bark. “Take a look!”

Qiao Nian didn’t notice the change in Qiao Yu’s expression. Since they were discussing business, she took the proposal and read it carefully.

Qiao Nian read the proposal very quickly. She made a simple calculation in her heart and finally looked at Qiao Yu in confusion.

Qiao Yu only wanted 5% of the profits.

To be honest, Qiao Nian was tempted.

She believed that no matter who it was, they would be tempted by this profit.

No one would go against money.

Qiao Nian lowered her gaze, hesitating.

She didn't want to have any business contact with the Qiao family. Actually, she knew very well that if this plan was handed over to Qiao Yu, Qiao Yu would be connected to Nanshan Corporation.

Qiao Yu had made so many concessions to this plan not because he didn't want the profits anymore, but because he wanted to get involved with Nanshan Corporation. That way Qiao Yu could earn more profits.

Qiao Nian placed the proposal on the table and looked at Qiao Yu calmly. A cold smile appeared on her face as she said, "I'm sorry, this proposal doesn't meet my expectations, so I'm not satisfied. I'm afraid our Nanshan Corporation can't work with President Qiao anymore!"

After Qiao Nian finished speaking, she added, "I don't think I want to work with the Qiao family now or in the future. Let's go our separate ways in the future!"

When Qiao Yu heard Qiao Nian's words, he roughly understood what she meant. His heart sank and he asked, "Nian'er, are you still angry about what happened five years ago?"

At the mention of five years ago, Qiao Nian's expression turned colder and colder.

Even if Qiao Yu wasn't her savior, Qiao Yu had treated her very well when they were in the countryside. She had treated Qiao Yu as the closest person to her, but she had never expected Qiao Yu to betray her trust.

That night, she kept calling Qiao Yu, hoping that he could save her, but he didn't pick up.

After this incident, Qiao Yu didn't call to ask about her.

In the past, Qiao Yu had always told her that he would stand in front of her and protect her. He would never let her be hurt.

### 853 It's Fine

She innocently even found an excuse for Qiao Yu, thinking that the person who had harmed her was Qiao Xin and had nothing to do with Qiao Yu.

Qiao Xin didn't like her, which was why she wanted to harm her.

When Qiao Xin told Qiao Yu that she didn't have any self-respect and was with other indecent men, Qiao Yu didn't listen to her explanation at all and slapped her.

Qiao Nian was stunned. Only then did she realize that Qiao Yu trusted Qiao Xin the most, not her.

Later on, when the Qiao family found out that she was pregnant, Qiao Yu only looked at her with anger and disappointment.

It was precisely because of this that she no longer wanted to have anything to do with Qiao Yu.

Moreover, in the past five years, Qiao Yu had never visited her. It was as if she didn't exist.

It was at that time that she was very disappointed in Qiao Yu.

She had finally seen through it. The Qiao family was all selfish.

Hence, Qiao Nian wasn't angry at all. If she was still angry, it meant that she still cared about them. But now, she didn't care at all.

Qiao Nian said coldly, "Perhaps in the past, I would still take care of these things and blame you. We're clearly family. Why are you so heartless to me!"

"But now I understand. We've never been family from the beginning to the end, and we have nothing to do with each other. It's only right that

you treat me badly. Besides, these things have already happened. Can I go back to the past and change them?”

“If I had that ability, how could I have been bullied?”

“Let bygones be bygones. President Qiao should understand!”

Qiao Nian smiled at Qiao Yu and raised her eyebrows slightly.

Qiao Yu was panicking. He had a feeling that if he didn’t explain himself clearly now, he probably wouldn’t be able to.

“Nian’er, actually, I...”

“Whatever happens to you has nothing to do with me!” Qiao Nian interrupted Qiao Yu mercilessly and said coldly, “But don’t call me that anymore. It sounds a little disgusting!”

Qiao Yu’s lips moved, but he had no choice but to swallow the words.

“I’m sorry!”

Qiao Nian stood up, looking indifferent. “I don’t want your apology, and you don’t have to apologize to me!”

With that, Qiao Nian turned to leave without hesitation.

Actually, she still felt a little uncomfortable.

In the past, she had always treated Qiao Yu as her biological brother. Even though she knew that Qiao Yu was not related to her by blood, she still wanted to treat him as her brother.

All these years, she only wanted to hear Qiao Yu apologize to her.

But when she really heard this word, she realized that she no longer needed Qiao Yu’s apology.

At this moment, she only wanted to see Gu Zhou.



She had arranged to meet Gu Zhou at the Dongjiang villa at half past three. If she rushed over now, she would be in time.

Qiao Xin had been standing at the door. When she saw Qiao Nian coming out, her gaze fell on her.

Qiao Nian wasn't holding the proposal. She knew in her heart that the negotiation had failed.

Thinking about it, Qiao Nian couldn't wait for the Qiao family to be ruined. Why would she hand such a good project to the Qiao family?

Qiao Xin suppressed her anger. This was a wild girl from the countryside. Now, she had learned to use her power on others!

Qiao Nian couldn't even be bothered to look at Qiao Xin. Ignoring her, she brushed past Qiao Xin and walked towards the door.

"Qiao Nian!"

Qiao Xin really couldn't stand Qiao Nian's attitude. She stopped her coldly.

The current Qiao Nian couldn't be bothered to talk to the Qiao family at all. She didn't stop and walked towards the door.

Qiao Xin jogged over to Qiao Nian and blocked her path.

When Qiao Nian saw the Qiao family, it was as if she had seen something dirty. She said impatiently, "Move aside!"

Seeing Qiao Nian like this, Qiao Xin frowned. In the past, she had always thought that Qiao Nian was just a country bumpkin.

But she couldn't understand how a country bumpkin could be related to Nanshan Corporation.

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Qiao Xin's expression darkened. She just wanted to know what was going on.

With this thought in mind, Qiao Xin asked, "What method did you use to contact Nanshan Corporation?"

When Qiao Nian heard Qiao Xin's words, she couldn't help but laugh. She asked, "Do you really want to know? Aren't you afraid of hurting your heart?"

Qiao Xin had a bad feeling about this. Her brow furrowed deeper and deeper. She felt that Qiao Nian's next words would definitely not be pleasant to the ear.

Qiao Xin felt that Qiao Nian was extremely talented in cultivating Chinese herbs, but even so, Nanshan Corporation was originally in the United States. How would they know about Qiao Nian, who was in a mental hospital?

There must be something else going on.

If they could find out the connection Qiao Nian had, she and her brother would go look for that person. Perhaps they could continue to work with Nanshan Corporation.

If she could get close to that person, with her intelligence, she would quickly become a high-level executive of Nanshan Corporation.

At that time, not only could she help her brother get all kinds of projects related to the Qiao family, but she could also increase the Qiao family's reputation in An City.

At that time, she would be able to trample on Qiao Nian.

At the thought of Qiao Nian kneeling at her feet and begging for mercy, Qiao Xin's lips curved up slightly.

She would never allow Qiao Nian to be so arrogant in front of her.

“What’s wrong? Are you mute?” Seeing that Qiao Nian had remained silent, Qiao Xin knew that Qiao Nian definitely didn’t want her to get involved.

That made sense.

Qiao Nian must have used some dirty method to get involved, so Qiao Nian was too embarrassed to say it.

At the thought of this, the disdain in Qiao Xin’s eyes intensified.

Qiao Nian could tell from Qiao Xin’s gaze that she wasn’t up to anything good. Her eyes darted around as she said, “Actually, I still have to thank you for this!”

Hearing this, Qiao Xin’s expression changed slightly.

Why would Qiao Nian say that?

Could it be because the Qiao family had helped Qiao Nian get involved with Nanshan Corporation? That was impossible!

Neither of her parents liked Qiao Nian, but although her brother treated Qiao Nian better, he definitely wouldn’t help her. If her brother knew anyone else, he wouldn’t have discussed a collaboration with Nanshan Corporation today.

Could it be that she had inadvertently helped Qiao Nian get involved with Nanshan Corporation?

That was impossible. No one she knew was related to Nanshan Corporation.

Qiao Nian must be tricking her. She wanted to anger her on purpose before mocking her.

Qiao Xin felt that Qiao Nian was too cunning. She had to be wary of her.

“Sister, since you’ve said so, shouldn’t you give this project to my brother?” Qiao Xin wanted to see how Qiao Nian would refuse.

“I have to start from when I was young.” Seeing Qiao Xin’s surprised expression, Qiao Nian said slowly, “After Grandma left, you sent me to the mountains.”

Qiao Xin had thought that Qiao Nian was lying to her. Now that she heard Qiao Nian’s words, she was stunned.

What did Qiao Nian mean by this?

Could it really be that the Qiao family had helped Qiao Nian get in touch with the people from Nanshan Corporation?

With this thought in mind, Qiao Xin asked, “What exactly do you mean? Just say it!”

“Life in the mountains isn’t easy, but fortunately, I met an old grandpa. If Grandpa hadn’t taught me to study hard since I was young and taught me so many things, how could Qiao Nian be where she is now?”

When Qiao Xin heard Qiao Nian’s words, her expression changed.

Had Qiao Nian encountered some hidden big shot?

Wasn’t this kind of plot only seen in novels and television dramas?

Qiao Nian must be lying.

That’s right. She was a liar.

“Why don’t I understand what you’re saying? What mountain? What grandfather? Do you think you’re filming a television drama or writing a novel?” Qiao Xin clenched her fists tightly, her nails digging into her palms. Even though her palms were already bleeding, she didn’t seem to feel anything.

However, the fear and unease in Qiao Xin’s eyes revealed her true feelings.

“He was a big shot, but because he was getting old, he didn’t want to tire himself out anymore, so he lived in seclusion in the mountains and

forests. At that time, I accidentally bumped into him. He thought that I was very smart and wanted me to inherit his estate, so I became the principal of An University and even worked at Nanshan Corporation!" The smile on Qiao Nian's face grew brighter and brighter as she spoke gently to Qiao Xin.

### 855 Thanking the Qiao Family

"How... how is this possible?" Qiao Xin's face instantly turned pale. Her lips trembled as she looked at Qiao Nian in disbelief.

"To be honest, I should thank the Qiao family. If you hadn't thrown me into the mountains so heartlessly, how would I have had such a good opportunity? I wouldn't have made a comeback!" When Qiao Nian smiled, her fox-like eyes curved slightly, filled with mockery.

Qiao Nian's words were like a bomb that exploded in Qiao Xin's mind.

Qiao Xin felt dizzy from the explosion.

She really hadn't expected the Qiao family to help Qiao Nian by accident.

Qiao Nian had learned so much in the mountains.

Qiao Nian naturally knew what Qiao Xin was thinking. Seeing that Qiao Xin was breaking down more and more, she was overjoyed. Her red lips curved up lazily. "As the saying goes, good will be rewarded, and evil will be punished. It's not that you haven't got what you deserved, but the time hasn't come. Now, it seems that the time for the Qiao family to fall has arrived!"

When Qiao Xin heard Qiao Nian's words, it was as if she was looking at a hungry ghost. It was as if Qiao Nian wanted to pull her into hell. She was so frightened that she took a step back.

Qiao Nian couldn't even be bothered to look at Qiao Xin. Without mercy, she knocked Qiao Xin's shoulder away. In her high heels, she left elegantly and arrogantly.

After a long while, Qiao Xin came back to her senses. She turned to look in the direction Qiao Nian had left in. Looking at Qiao Nian's retreating back, her eyes turned red uncontrollably.

She bit her lower lip, the smell of blood spreading in her mouth. Her face was filled with hatred as she enunciated each word clearly. "Qiao Nian, just you wait. After Song Man acknowledges her ancestors, I want to see how long you can continue to be smug! You will get your retribution!"

There were many brothers in the Lu family. Now that Qiao Nian was with Gu Zhou, if Song Man returned, Qiao Nian would definitely lose her spot.

Qiao Xin recalled that she should be lying low and planning her revival.

She couldn't be impatient. She had to wait patiently. She had to pull Qiao Nian down from a high place and make her step into the mud.

She wanted to destroy everything Qiao Nian had.

In the private room.

Qiao Yu sat there with his head lowered. Thinking of Qiao Nian's gaze just now, his face turned a little pale.

His chest felt terrible, as if he was being bitten by millions of ants.

He had to think of that night's call. If he had received that call back then, would he and Qiao Nian have been able to be together?

The person he cared about the most had always been Qiao Nian.

He remembered every detail of his time with Qiao Nian.

Spirit Mountain was not far from An City. In the past, he would often find all kinds of excuses to go out, then take a car to Spirit Mountain to secretly visit Qiao Nian during the weekends.

Every time, he would secretly observe Qiao Nian because he didn't dare to meet her directly. He was worried that that lively and adorable little girl would blame his family for sending her to the mountains.

He was also worried that Qiao Nian would be angry with him over this matter and dislike him, her brother.

Every time he saw Qiao Nian smile happily at others, he couldn't help but fantasize about Qiao Nian smiling at him.

When Qiao Nian was young, she was very cute, like a child from a comic book.

He really cared about her.

Yearning was like a seed that had taken root in his heart. His desire to see Qiao Nian grew more and more urgent.

He didn't want to keep sneaking glances at her. He wanted to talk to her. He wanted to chat with her. He wanted to see her smile brightly at him.

Hence, he found an excuse to get lost in the mountains and walked to where Qiao Nian lived.

When he stepped into the small courtyard, his gaze inadvertently fell on Qiao Nian, who was squatting on the ground and planting flowers.

Holding a small hoe in her hand, she tied her hair back and planted the flowers seriously.

At this moment, Qiao Nian also noticed him. She stopped what she was doing and looked at him.

Qiao Yu would always remember that moment. At that time, his heart was beating violently, as if it was about to jump out of his chest.

His palms were covered in sweat as he looked at Qiao Nian nervously.

Qiao Nian was like a little angel who had accidentally fallen into the mortal world. Under the sunlight, her entire body was covered in golden light.