

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

896 Heartache for Xiao Shi

Qiao Nian sighed slightly and looked at Xiao Shi, who was standing not far away, with heartache.

Gu Zhou, who was standing beside Xiao Shi, happened to see the heartache in Qiao Nian's eyes.

Qiao Nian inadvertently met Gu Zhou's gaze. She didn't say anything. She placed her phone in her pocket and walked towards them.

Matriarch Gu pulled Gu Qi and Xiao Shi towards the living room. When they reached the living room, she smiled at the two children and said in a low voice, "The two of you, wait a moment. I'll go change my clothes. We can eat later!"

Seeing Gu Qi and Xiao Shi nod obediently, Matriarch Gu brought the servant upstairs. It was very inconvenient to wear a European-style dress. She had to change into her usual clothes.

Chen Qing walked in and gave Gu Zhou a look. The two of them went upstairs together.

Qiao Nian sat on the sofa with the two children.

Xiao Shi sat on the sofa uneasily. Although she had been here once before, she had used Gu Qi's identity that time. Her appearance in the Gu family was a little like a performance.

But now, she was using her identity to come to the Gu family. Although her great-grandmother and father welcomed her, she was still a little restrained and didn't know what to do.

Gu Qi stood in front of the coffee table and peeled an orange, then handed it to Xiao Shi.

Xiao Shi's eyes were filled with gratitude. She instinctively wanted to thank him.

But then she remembered that her brother didn't like her saying "thank you", so she just smiled.

After Gu Qi gave Xiao Shi an orange, he stood in front of the coffee table and continued to peel it. Then, he handed the orange in his hand to Qiao Nian. "Mommy, eat it too!"

When Xiao Shi heard the word "Mommy", her body stiffened and she subconsciously looked at Qiao Nian.

She saw Qiao Nian smiling at Gu Qi gently.

That gentle gaze was like the winter sun, warming one's heart.

In the past, she had dreamed that Song Man looked at her like this. In her dream, she felt that she was very happy.

Qiao Nian took the orange from Gu Qi and broke off one piece. She placed it in Gu Qi's mouth first, then took another piece and placed it in her own mouth.

After Qiao Nian finished eating, Gu Qi asked expectantly, "Mommy, does the orange taste good?"

Qiao Nian smiled and said, "Of course the oranges Xiao Qi peels are the best. They're especially sweet!"

Gu Qi, who had been praised, had a happy smile on his face!

When Gu Zhou walked down the stairs, he saw the smile on Gu Qi's face. He stopped in his tracks.

The current Gu Qi looked like a normal child. He was completely certain that the Gu Qi in front of him was Gu Qi, not Xiao Shi in disguise.

Ever since Gu Qi really treated Qiao Nian as his mommy, Gu Qi had changed completely. He had become even brighter.

When Qiao Nian heard footsteps, she looked up. Gu Zhou's expression was much better than before. He no longer looked sickly.

He was wearing a white shirt. The first two buttons of the shirt were unbuttoned, and through the gap, one could vaguely see his sexy collarbone.

With one hand in his pocket, he walked down the stairs elegantly, like a noble young master in a comic book.

At this moment, Qiao Nian realized why many girls liked two-dimensional men.

This was because two-dimensional men were really too handsome, especially when two-dimensional men they looked like real people. Not many women could resist this temptation.

Qiao Nian felt her mouth go dry. She swallowed. The scene of her and Gu Zhou in the hospital ward suddenly flashed in her mind.

The two of them were entangled on the hospital bed.

If Gu Qi hadn't come in back then, the two of them might have slept together on the hospital bed.

At the thought of this, Qiao Nian's face turned even redder.

She really didn't mean to think about this. Her mind was completely out of control. Who asked Gu Zhou to be so beautiful?

If Gu Zhou stepped into the entertainment industry, there would probably be no other male celebrity left.

Qiao Nian didn't understand how this man could be so good-looking.

Gu Qi's gaze lingered on Gu Zhou and Qiao Nian's faces. He noticed the ambiguity between the two of them. Then, he walked up to Xiao Shi and reached out to hold her hand.

Xiao Shi looked at Gu Qi in confusion.

Gu Qi smiled and said, "Sister, there are many toys in my room. I've always wanted to play with you. Let's go over and play now!"

Xiao Shi nodded.

## 897 Buttoning

Gu Qi pulled Xiao Shi towards the stairs. When he passed by Gu Zhou, he pursed his lips and smiled, saying nothing.

Only Gu Zhou and Qiao Nian were left in the living room.

Qiao Nian's heart began to race. She was extremely nervous, but she didn't show it on her face.

She didn't know why she was so nervous. She had been alone with Gu Zhou in the past. At that time, she had always been very calm and wasn't so impatient.

Could it be that Gu Zhou had become even more alluring than before?

Qiao Nian had always been the kind of person who faced difficulties head-on.

Her gaze fell on Gu Zhou's face. In her high heels, she walked towards him.

When she walked up to Gu Zhou, she looked up at the man in front of her.

Gu Zhou stared unblinkingly at Qiao Nian, as if Qiao Nian was a delicious snack that he yearned to eat in one bite.

Qiao Nian pretended to be calm. She raised her hand and naturally tidied Gu Zhou's collar.

"Actually, just unbuttoning one button is enough!" As Qiao Nian spoke, she was about to help Gu Zhou button up the second button.

However, when her hand inadvertently landed on Gu Zhou's collarbone, there were still some sparkling water droplets on his collarbone. Perhaps he had just taken a shower.

His collarbone was a little cold. Qiao Nian's hands were trembling.

Her trembling hands wanted to button Gu Zhou up, but they trembled even more. The button seemed to be going against her as well, and she couldn't button it no matter what.

For a moment, Qiao Nian didn't know what to do. If she retracted her hand now, would Gu Zhou think that she was deliberately taking advantage of him?

At this moment, Gu Zhou grabbed her right hand.

His hand was big enough to completely cover hers.

Qiao Nian wanted to pull her hand away, but halfway through, she saw Gu Zhou holding her fingers tightly.

While Gu Zhou was staring unblinkingly at her, his lips gently planted a kiss on the back of her hand.

Qiao Nian's heart skipped a beat.

Although Gu Zhou's skin was a little cold, his kiss on the back of her hand was as hot as a fire.

His deep eyes were fixed on her. There was no trace of desire in them, only love.

Qiao Nian felt the heat on the back of her hand flowing through her blood. Her entire body was burning, and her heart was beating rapidly. Her mind was in a mess.

Gu Zhou didn't let go of Qiao Nian's hand. Instead, he held her hand tightly and interlocked his fingers with hers.

Seeing that Qiao Nian was a little distracted, he gently scratched her palm.

Although his movements were very light, his presence was especially strong.

Gu Zhou looked at Qiao Nian and raised his eyebrows slightly. "Mrs. Gu, what were you thinking when you saw me just now?"

Not only was the man good-looking, but his voice was also pleasant to the ear. He also emitted a faint fragrance.

It was simply a feast for the eyes!

If she didn't bite, she would be letting herself down.

Qiao Nian had been too embarrassed to voice her thoughts, but when she thought about how the two of them had already almost slept together in the hospital, she realized that there was no need to hide anything!

With this thought in mind, Qiao Nian's clear and seductive fox-like eyes met Gu Zhou's. Her red lips parted slightly. "Of course I'm reminiscing about our time on the hospital bed..."

Not only was Gu Zhou not angry, but his eyes were also filled with smiles. He smiled slightly and said proudly, "It seems that Mrs. Gu and I really have a connection!"

His eyes gradually dimmed and were filled with lust.

Qiao Nian looked into Gu Zhou's eyes, feeling her mouth go dry. Her gaze gradually moved down, staring unblinkingly at Gu Zhou's lips.

She didn't expect this man to be so good at flirting.

She looked at his lips in a daze. Thinking of the pleasure of kissing in the ward, she licked her lips.

Gu Zhou seemed to have read Qiao Nian's mind. He asked gently, "Mrs. Gu, why don't we revisit what happened in the ward?"

Qiao Nian looked at his thin lips, which were opening and closing. Deep down, she was willing. Gradually, she stood on her tiptoes and raised her head slightly. When her lips were about to touch Gu Zhou's, her heart began to race.

"Second Young Master!"

Chen Qing's anxious voice came from the stairs again.

898 Bitter Life

Chen Qing was still holding the folder in his hand. He lowered his head and went down the stairs. As he walked, he looked at the document in his hand. "Second Young Master, I've already found Song Man's..."

As he spoke, he walked over to Gu Zhou and Qiao Nian. When he met Gu Zhou's cold eyes, a chill ran down his spine.

He seemed to have arrived at the wrong time. He seemed to have disturbed Second Young Master and Second Young Madam.

Chen Qing yearned to find a hole to hide in, but there was no such hole here.

Gu Zhou narrowed his phoenix-like eyes, which were filled with coldness. He said, "I remember that the Dongjiang villa is short of a bricklayer."

Chen Qing was so aggrieved that tears were about to fall.

He had to put up tiles again.

Why was his life so bitter?

He didn't want to put up tiles. He really didn't want to!

However, Second Young Master was his superior. He had no choice but to do so. He sighed and said, "I-I'll go in a while."

Chen Qing was really worried that something would happen to his waist.

Suppressing her laughter, Qiao Nian remained silent.

Gu Zhou didn't let go of Qiao Nian's hand. He looked at Chen Qing expressionlessly and asked, "Continue!"

Chen Qing was slightly stunned, but he quickly reacted and said, "I found out that Song Man had been living in the slums of Wucheng before she went to Hai Cheng."

When Gu Zhou heard Chen Qing's words, his frown deepened, and he fell into deep thought.

When Qiao Nian heard Chen Qing's words, she turned to look at Gu Zhou. If she remembered correctly, Gu Zhou had lived in Wucheng when he was young.

If Song Man had lived in the slums of the Wucheng in the past, she could understand why she could hide her identity in the slums of Hai Cheng for five years.

Could it be that Gu Zhou and Song Man had a relationship in the Wucheng?

Qiao Nian looked at Gu Zhou with heartache and analyzed. "In that case, the mother of the children might also be from Wucheng."

When Gu Zhou heard Qiao Nian's words, he shook his head in disapproval. "Not necessarily."

Qiao Nian looked at Gu Zhou in confusion. "Why? Didn't you have an accident in Wucheng? Since Song Man could raise Xiao Shi, it means that Song Man knows the mother of the child!"

"Not in Wucheng." Gu Zhou frowned. He looked up at Qiao Nian and said, "The plot against me happened in An City."

“An... An City?” The blood drained from Qiao Nian’s face. Her palm instantly turned cold, and she slowly pulled her hand out of his. Unwilling to give up, she asked again, “Shouldn’t you have been in the Wucheng back then? I remember that you only came to An City later.”

In the past, she had always thought that Gu Zhou lived in Wucheng.

However, she had never expected Gu Zhou’s one-night stand to happen in An City.

Gu Zhou had also told her about that night. She felt an invisible hand strangling her neck, and she couldn’t breathe.

Gu Zhou could naturally tell that something was wrong with Qiao Nian’s expression. He said, “I was here to do something back then. I didn’t expect to be schemed against.”

“What day was it?” Qiao Nian’s voice trembled. She pursed her lips tightly, trying hard to remain calm.

“Which day?”

“The day you were schemed against.” Qiao Nian’s eyes were filled with panic.

Gu Zhou told her the date.

Gu Zhou’s words exploded in Qiao Nian’s mind like a bomb.

Qiao Nian’s mind was in a mess. She couldn’t think at all.

Everything around her no longer seemed to matter. Qiao Nian was the only one left in the world.

The time and place were all right.

Qiao Nian had never expected the man that night to be...

Impossible...

How was this possible?

She must have heard wrongly!

That's right, there was something wrong with her ears.

That wasn't right.

Her five senses were normal. How could she have heard wrongly?

Qiao Nian lowered her gaze slightly, trying hard to pretend to be calm. Worried that Gu Zhou would notice something wrong with her, she hurriedly explained, "I-I just checked Song Man's phone."

"What did you find?" Gu Zhou asked.

"I need to take a look." With that, Qiao Nian turned around and walked out without looking at Gu Zhou's expression.

Qiao Nian was very thin. Perhaps it was because she had been too busy recently, but her body looked even thinner.

899 Scared

Gu Zhou noticed Qiao Nian's messy footsteps and narrowed his deep eyes.

After Qiao Nian walked out of the Gu family villa, she walked to her car.

The servants in the Gu family villa were packing up the things in the courtyard. The courtyard was extremely lively. She sat alone in the car, her eyes filled with panic.

How?

Why had it become like this?

Although she did not ask Gu Zhou about the situation in detail, she had a feeling that the man that night was really Gu Zhou.

She still remembered the faint fragrance of the man's body and his voice.

Although the man's fragrance was a little similar to Gu Zhou's, their voices were different.

Qiao Nian's hands were cold. She placed her hands on the steering wheel and buried her head in it, her body trembling uncontrollably.

The events of that night lingered in her mind.

"No..."

"Please..."

"Let me go..."

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Qiao Nian's ears rang with the sound of her begging for mercy that night, but her begging was useless.

Qiao Nian suddenly opened her eyes and suppressed the thoughts in her mind. She seemed to have thought of something and hurriedly took out her phone, calling Lu Zhu with a trembling voice.

Lu Zhu's call quickly connected.

"Sugar."

Lu Zhu's voice was as gentle as ever.

Qiao Nian's uneasy heart calmed down a lot. She took a deep breath and asked carefully, "Brother, do you have time now?"

When Lu Zhu heard Qiao Nian's low voice, he frowned slightly. "Did something happen?"

When Qiao Nian heard Lu Zhu's concerned words, her eyes instantly turned red. She tried hard to remain calm and said, "I-I just wanted to see you."

It felt good to have a family.

Qiao Nian felt that the trauma of her childhood would take a long time to heal.

It seemed that she had to take better care of Xiao Shi in the future. That way, she wouldn't be traumatized after she grew up.

Lu Zhu naturally recognized Qiao Nian's nasal voice. He frowned. Since Sugar wanted to meet, it didn't matter how late it was.

Lu Zhu glanced at the time. It was already ten in the night.

Sugar had called him out so late at night, which meant that she was really sad.

Lu Zhu hesitated for a moment and asked, "Sugar, do you want me to pick you up?"

Qiao Nian took a deep breath and tried her best to pretend that she was fine. "Brother, just send me a location."

"Okay," Lu Zhu replied. After hanging up, he sent his location to Qiao Nian.

He stood up, walked to the hanger next to the office, and put on his suit jacket.

Lu Rao, who was sitting at the side, had also heard the conversation between Lu Zhu and Qiao Nian. He immediately stood up and said happily, "Brother, I'll go with you. I haven't seen my sister in a long time!"

Lu Zhu's hand, which was putting on his clothes, paused for a moment. He looked at Lu Rao indifferently and said firmly, "No!"

“Why? Sister didn’t say that she wouldn’t let me go. Can’t I go see her?” Lu Rao muttered unhappily. “Do you think it’s appropriate for you to monopolize Sister alone?”

“It is.” As Lu Zhu spoke, he walked to the office door. Just as he was about to leave, he seemed to have thought of something and stopped. He turned back to look at Lu Rao. “By the way, the documents on my desk have to be signed today. Help me take a look.”

Lu Zhu’s thoughts were very simple. If Lu Rao worked overtime here, Lu Rao would no longer have the chance to secretly follow him to see Sugar.

Lu Rao looked at Lu Zhu in disbelief. His brother was actually so shameless. He gritted his teeth and said, “These are all your jobs.”

Lu Zhu smiled gentlemanly and said, “We’re brothers. My business is your business!”

Lu Rao’s eyes darkened. He pursed his lips.

When he met his sister, they were no longer brothers.

When he was asked to work, he would be indiscriminate.

Heh...

Far Mountain Coffee.

The cafe Lu Zhu had found was very close to Gu Zhou’s villa. After Qiao Nian arrived at the cafe, she sat by the French window and looked at the scenery outside. Her eyes gradually became empty.

The world was huge. In the past, Qiao Nian felt that she might not be able to find her biological parents in this lifetime.

But now, she felt that the world was very small.

900 The Person She Hated the Most

She and Gu Zhou had been engaged since they were young.

However, she had been kidnapped. Later on, by some freak combination of circumstances, she married Gu Zhou again on behalf of Qiao Xin.

Previously, she had marveled at the wonders of fate. It had actually brought her and Gu Zhou together again.

However, when she found out that Gu Zhou was the man from that night, she no longer knew how to face him.

If it weren't for Gu Zhou, she wouldn't have lost her innocence.

If it weren't for Gu Zhou, her memory wouldn't have been in a mess during childbirth.

If it weren't for Gu Zhou, she wouldn't have been filled with hatred for what happened to her children.

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However, she cared a lot about Gu Zhou.

She really didn't know how to face Gu Zhou anymore.

Qiao Nian looked at the traffic outside in confusion and laughed at herself. She was simply the biggest fool in the world.

The funniest thing was that a group of people had witnessed her ridiculous side with their own eyes.

"Sugar."

A gentle voice rang out in Qiao Nian's ear.

Qiao Nian looked up and saw Lu Zhu sitting opposite her.

Lu Zhu's originally meticulous hair was a little messy. Clearly, he had walked very quickly just now, as if to see her as soon as possible.

Qiao Nian's uneasy heart gradually calmed down.

"Brother." Qiao Nian forced a smile.

Seeing the smile on Qiao Nian's face, Lu Zhu's expression faltered slightly. Qiao Nian was smiling on the surface, but he could tell that she was very disappointed and she was very sad.

"Did something happen?" Lu Zhu looked at Qiao Nian worriedly. Then, he recalled that Qiao Nian had been staying in the Gu family all this time. He thought that Gu Zhou must have bullied Sugar. "Sugar, if Gu Zhou bullies you, just say so. Brother will help you bully him back!"

Qiao Nian's heart warmed. She shook her head and said, "Brother, he didn't bully me. Moreover, he treats me very well."

Lu Zhu couldn't understand why Qiao Nian still looked unhappy even though Gu Zhou treated her very well. "It's good that he didn't bully you. Why aren't you happy?"

Qiao Nian looked up and met Lu Zhu's worried eyes, not knowing what to say.

At this moment, the waiter walked over and put down the two drinks Qiao Nian had ordered before leaving.

After the waiter left, Lu Zhu looked at Qiao Nian gently and said softly, "Sugar, I'm your brother. No matter what happens, I'll stand on your side. If you have anything to say, just tell me."

When Qiao Nian heard Lu Zhu's words, her eyes flickered. In a panic, she picked up the cup and took a sip. Only then did she place the cup on the table and pursed her lips.

Lu Zhu was not in a hurry. He waited quietly for Qiao Nian to think it through.

Qiao Nian gripped the cup in her hand tightly and said carefully, “Brother, do you still remember when I first married Gu Zhou, Qiao Xin came to look for you with a pendant?”

Lu Zhu frowned. He didn’t seem to remember such a thing.

Qiao Nian reminded him, “At that time, you said that your pendant had been stolen!”

The pendant had been stolen?

The fragments in Lu Zhu’s mind were pieced together. He remembered.

Why would Sugar ask that?

Lu Zhu’s heart instantly sank to the bottom. He felt very uneasy. “Why are you asking this?”

Qiao Nian looked up at Lu Zhu and said seriously, “Brother, this matter is very important to me. Can you tell me now if that pendant belongs to you?”

Lu Zhu did not speak. He picked up the cup and took a sip.

In his impression, Qiao Nian had always been a calm person. Qiao Nian had even calmly saved him from Jiang Chi in MY.

He remembered that Qiao Nian was only excited and anxious when she acknowledged him as her family member.

Lu Zhu still remembered that Qiao Xin had helped someone else safeguard that pendant back then.

Could it be that Qiao Xin had gotten that pendant from Sugar...

Otherwise, why would Sugar be so agitated?

Qiao Nian had been waiting anxiously for Lu Zhu’s answer. Seeing that Lu Zhu was silent, she called out, “Brother?”

Lu Zhu said solemnly, "That pendant isn't mine."

Qiao Nian's face turned pale, and her breathing deepened.

Back then, it was precisely because she thought that the pendant belonged to her brother that she had never suspected him.

She had never expected her brother to lie.