# Mr. Gu, Your Replacement Bride Is A Big Shot! #Chapter 91 - Poisoned

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Doctor Su lowered his head and stammered, "Matriarch Gu's pulse... She seems to have been poisoned."

Qiao Nian's heart jumped to her throat.

Jiang Yue seemed to have been severely provoked by Doctor Su's words. She immediately stepped forward and pushed Qiao Nian aside, looking at Doctor Su anxiously.

"Doctor Su, you just said that my grandmother only has a cold. How could she have been poisoned?" Jiang Yue asked, her words piercing the air like firecrackers.

Jiang Yue's words echoed everyone's thoughts.

At that moment, Doctor Su became even more afraid.

He had never seen anything like this in his twenty-odd years as a doctor. Matriarch Gu clearly only had a cold. Why did her pulse suddenly indicate symptoms of poisoning after she took some cold medicine?

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He could not help but doubt himself. Had he misread her pulse?

At this moment, Qiao Nian's frown deepened. She had a nagging feeling that something was wrong.

Gu Zhou clenched his fists involuntarily. The veins on the back of his hands bulged in a sinister manner. He said coldly, "Purge the poison now!"

'When Doctor Su heard Gu Zhou's words, he grew even more afraid. He lowered his head like a child who had done something wrong.

#### "Speak!" Gu Zhou's tone turned even colder.

"Tm afraid... I'm afraid there's no hope lett.." Doctor Su mustered his courage and spoke.

Gu Zhou's breathing faltered. His eyes were filled with coldness as he stared unblinkingly at Doctor Su.

At that moment, Zhao Qian passed out from the shock. Fortunately, a servant caught her in time. At the butler's signal, the servant helped Zhao Qian out of the room.

Jiang Yue's face was filled with pure shock. She staggered back, almost passing out, but managed to hold onto a cabinet for support just in time. Her mind was in a mess, and she only came back to her senses after a long while.

"Qiao Nian!" Jiang Yue looked at Qiao Nian as if she was the murderer. She said furiously, "It was you! You were the one who poisoned Grandma! You must have wanted to kill Grandma!"

Jiang Yue's words made everyone in the room turn to look at Qiao Nian.

Gu Zhou's eyes darkened and his expression turned cold. Ignoring Jiang Yue's words, he walked to Matriarch Gu's bed and looked at her intently, his gaze tinged with sorrow.

Jiang Yue glanced at Gu Zhou from the corner of her eye. Seeing that Gu Zhou didn't attack Qiao Nian, her mind raced.

Jiang Yue knew that this was the best time to bring Qiao Nian down.

Seeing Qiao Nian walk towards the bed, Jiang Yue quickly stepped forward to stop her.

"Qiao Nian, what exactly do you want?" Jiang Yue's eyes were red, and her expression displeased. She began to fire accusations at Qiao Nian. If you didn't give Grandma the medicine you made, why would Grandma have vomited blood and fainted?"

Seeing that Qiao Nian was staring fixedly at Matriarch Gu, Jiang Yue used her body to block Qiao Nian's view. In tears, she questioned, "Just now, you also read Doctor Su's prescription. There's nothing wrong with his prescription. Now, Grandma is poisoned because of the poison in the medicine you gave her!

Grandma treats you like her own granddaughter. Why do you want to harm her?"

Jiang Yue's forceful questions made everyone cast resentful gazes on Qiao Nian, pushing her to the forefront of the matter.

By now, Gu Zhou understood the situation. His dark eyes were fixed intently on Qiao Nian. No one could be sure if he believed Jiang Yue's words.

The atmosphere in the entire room turned very tense.

Qiao Nian stood there calmly. She looked at Jiang Yue, as if she was holding back something, Her voice was cool as she said, "There's nothing wrong with my medicine. As long as I take Grandma's pulse, I'll know why she was poisoned!"

Upon hearing Qiao Nian's words, Doctor Su frowned and said without hesitation, "Second Young Madam, are you implying that I'm harming Matriarch Su? Or that my medical skills are not good enough?"

Qiao Nian gave Doctor Su an indifferent glance. Her medicine did not come into conflict with the medicine Doctor Su had just prescribed. Logically speaking, Matriarch Gu should not have vomited blood after taking both kinds of medicine.

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Now, Matriarch Gu's condition had worsened. What exactly was going on?

"I's good that you're aware of it," Qiao Nian said calmly. Her gaze was as cold as ice.

Doctor Su was so angry that he could barely breathe. If his medical skills were not good, how could he have become a private doctor of the Gu family?

Indeed, the fact that made Doctor Su the most displeased was that he was being questioned by such a young, inexperienced lass.

This young lass clearly overestimated her own abilities.

Frenzied with rage, Doctor Su said, "I've eaten more salt than you have rice. Your years of experience can barely compare to mine. How dare you..."

"Quiet!" Qiao Nian gave Doctor Su an indifferent glance, then looked at Gu Zhou and said, "If you want Grandma to survive this ordeal, bring me all of Grandma's previous medical records. All useless people are to leave! You are not to disrupt my treatment of Grandma!"

With that, Qiao Nian's gaze fell on Doctor Su and Jiang Yue's faces. She fell just short of calling them by name.

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This was the first time Doctor Su had seen someone so brazen. He had been in the medical field for more than twenty years, and this was the first time he had been questioned by anyone so young.

This young lass still dared to show off in front of him. She really overestimated her own abilities. He had been worried that if Matriarch Gu died, the Gu family might blame him. Now, someone was willing to take the blame. He was overjoyed.

At the thought of this, Doctor Su's mood improved. However, he did not dare to show any of his happiness on his face.

"Second Young Madam, if you can cure Matriarch Gu today, I vow to never treat anyone else ever again," Doctor Su said with utter seriousness.

"It's a deal." Qiao Nian said mercilessly. "In that case, you'll have to quit the medical field very soon."

Doctor Su stood at the side and did not speak. He had already taken Matriarch Gu's pulse just now. Matriarch Gu was already deeply poisoned. Coupled with the fact that her body was already on the verge of collapse, it would be useless even if he were to pump her stomach right now. It would only make

Matriarch Gu suffer more.

Sometimes, death wasn't so scary. What was much scarier would be suffering greatly while staying alive.

At the thought of this, Doctor Su became much calmer.

Qiao Nian walked to the bed and was about to take Matriarch Gu's pulse when she was pushed aside by Jiang Yue.

Jiang Yue's face was dripping with tears as she sobbed. "Qiao Nian, what have you done? You were clearly the one who poisoned Grandma, yet you're still putting on an act..."

"shut up!" Gu Zhou glared at Jiang Yue.

Jiang Yue was startled by Gu Zhou's voice. Frightened, she looked at Gu Zhou in disbelief and asked hesitantly, "Second Brother, do you believe her? She clearly..."

"Let her treat Grandma." Gu Zhou retracted his gaze indifferently. It was akin to giving Jiang Yue an affirmative answer.

Qiao Nian looked at Gu Zhou in surprise. She didn't expect Gu Zhou to believe her.

Right now, Matriarch Gu's condition wasn't great. She reached out to push Jiang Yue away and walked towards the bed. For just a moment, there was a murderous glint in her eyes, frightening Jiang Yue so much that she began to tremble.

Jiang Yue walked to the side unwillingly and lowered her gaze slightly to hide the dissatisfaction in her eyes. She wouldn't mind seeing what Qiao Nian could do to bring a dead person back to life.

Qiao Nian sat by the bed and took Matriarch Gu's hand, beginning to feel her pulse.

At this moment, Matriarch Gu's pulse was extremely weak, as if her heart would stop beating at any moment.

Indeed, Matriarch Gu had been poisoned.

This was very strange.

Neither the medicine she had given Matriarch Gu nor the medicine Doctor Su had prescribed would poison Matriarch Gu.

Qiao Nian's brow furrowed. She turned to look at Doctor Su and asked, "Doctor Su, are you sure that Grandma just had a cold when you first took her pulse?"

Doctor Su had already cursed Qiao Nian and all her ancestors many times over in his heart, but he didn't let it show on his face. He said calmly, "Even if my medical skills aren't good enough, I've never misread anyone's pulse. The first time I took Matriarch Gu's pulse, she was indeed only suffering from a

cold.."

Chapter 93: Safflower?

This time, Qiao Nian didn't doubt Doctor Su's words. She believed that his medical skills were definitely solid. Only then could he have become Grandma's attending physician.

However, this time, Grandma's pulse did indicate that she had been poisoned.

This time, she was not entirely confident that she could save Grandma.

But now, if she could find out the cause of Grandma's poisoning, she could save her.

Qiao Nian's heart was beating wildly, but her expression remained calm. Her gaze fell on a table not far away. 'There was a blue and white porcelain teacup on the table. Jiang Yue had handed this cup to Matriarch Gu just now, and Matriarch Gu had finished all the tea in it.

A servant handed Matriarch Gu's medical records to Qiao Nian. Qiao Nian took the documents from him and looked up at the butler. "Butler, go and get the dregs of the medicine I've brewed, as well as the dregs of the cold medicine from just now."

"Yes, ma'am,." the butler answered and quickly walked out.

Jiang Yue turned pale. She tugged at her sleeves uneasily.

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Qiao Nian wasn't idle either. She took a brief look at her grandmother's medical records over the past two months. Her grandmother had been in good health lately, and it had been a long time since her last asthma attack.

Qiao Nian took out the silver needles she always carried with her. After disinfecting them, she helped Matriarch Gu up.

Seeing Qiao Nian's actions, Doctor Su thought that Qiao Nian was trying to seal Matriarch Gu's pain acupoints to give her relief from the pain. He rolled his eyes silently.

He had been looking forward to seeing Qiao Nian perform something amazing, but it tuned out that she was just putting on a show!

Just as Doctor Su was looking at Qiao Nian with scorn and disdain, he saw Qiao Nian picking up a silver needle and inserting it into Matriarch Gu's larynx.

After that, Qiao Nian pressed down on Matriarch Gu's stomach, her movements sharp and professional.

Doctor Su frowned deeply. He didn't understand what Qiao Nian was doing.

Qiao Nian then clapped Matriarch Gu hard on the back. Matriarch Gu, who was still unconscious, immediately reacted. She threw up everything she had just eaten.

Doctor Su was stunned. This was the first time he had seen someone use acupuncture to induce vomiting.

Doctor Su straightened his back and took a step towards Matriarch Gu's bed, wanting to see what Qiao Nian was going to do next.

However, the servants were crowding the area. Doctor Su simply couldn't approach the bed any further.

Because everyone was busy cleaning up the mess made by Matriarch Gu's vomit.

Doctor Su began to observe Qiao Nian's techniques. For some reason, he suddenly recalled a few years ago, he had once read in an acupuncture book that acupuncture could be used to induce vomiting.

However, ordinary doctors would not dare to use this method. This method would put the acupuncture skills of a doctor to the test.

If the technique was used incorrectly, the patient might suffocate and die.

Doctor Su no longer dared to underestimate Qiao Nian. He was very curious now if Qiao Nian could save Matriarch Gu.

Matriarch Gu was already halfway to death's door.

After vomiting, Matriarch Gu was placed back onto the bed by Qiao Nian.

Qiao Nian glanced at the clock and inserted a few more needles into Matriarch Gu's body. Only then did she heave a sigh of relief. At long last, Matriarch Gu was safe.

At this moment, the butler had already brought over the medicinal dregs.

Qiao Nian first inspected her medicinal dregs. Be it the ingredients or the proportions used, there was no problem she could see.

After that, she examined the medicinal dregs used to treat Grandma's cold, and her expression gradually turned serious. When she saw the safflower in the black medicinal dregs, her eyes widened and her breathing quickened.

How could this be?

Previously, when she was preparing her medicine, she had added only a little safflower.

But there was no safflower in Doctor Su's prescription. Why was there safflower in the dregs?

There was a great quantity of safflower. It would be dangerous for ordinary people to consume this amount, let alone Grandma, who was physically weak and who suffered from heart disease.

Safflower was effective in promoting blood circulation, and was helpful in treating heart disease to a certain degree.

If a lot of safflower was consumed, patients with heart disease would likely suffer severe side effects..

Chapter 94: Framed

"Who brewed this medicine?" Qiao Nian turned to look at the butler and asked sternly, "Why did you add so much safflower?"

The butler glanced at Qiao Nian and frowned slightly. He said, "I weighed the ingredients for the medicine myself, and brewed it myself too. I followed Doctor Su's prescription exactly."

Qiao Nian's expression grew darker and darker. She frowned slightly. She trusted the butler. He would never do anything to harm her grandmother.

Qiao Nian looked up at Gu Zhou and said, "Someone wanted to harm Grandma by swapping the medicinal ingredients in the medicine cabinet!"

The butler did not know much about medicine. All he knew was to select the medicinal herbs according to the labels on each compartment of the medicine cabinet.

Gu Zhou turned to look at the butler and said coldly, "Lock the medicinal room. Investigate who's been in there lately."

'When Jiang Yue heard Gu Zhou's words, a trace of panic flashed across her face. However, she quickly steadied herself.

"Second Sister-in-law, aren't you always in the medicinal room?" Jiang Yue smiled coldly, looking at Qiao Nian with heavy suspicion.

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Once again, Jiang Yue's words attracted everyone's attention.

After all, Qiao Nian was the only one who entered the medicinal room on a regular basis. If Qiao Nian swapped the herbs in the medicine cabinet on purpose, no one would notice.

Gu Zhou looked at Qiao Nian calmly. His face was expressionless, and she couldn't tell what he was thinking.

Qiao Nian gave an impassive smile and looked at Jiang Yue with contempt. "What a joke. If I wanted to poison someone, why would I use such a crude method? Why would I let everyone know that I'm the culprit? Am I that stupid?"

"Second Sister-in-law, you've only joined the Gu family for a few days, and this has happened." Jiang Yue sneered and said disdainfully, "Does this really have nothing to do with you?"

Qiao Nian smiled coldly at Jiang Yue, her beautiful eyes filled with anger. "I didn't expect Miss Jiang to be so good at fabricating fiction. Looks like you can become a screenwriter!"

"Second Sister-in-law, why did you change the medicinal herbs in the medicine cabinet?" Jiang Yue fired the question at Qiao Nian, her expression stony.

Qiao Nian ignored Jiang Yue and picked up the bowl of medicinal dregs again. She wanted to see what kind of ingredients had been used.

In the beginning, Grandma only had a cold and a fever. Why did she become poisoned after taking this medicine?

Could it be that some medicinal ingredients had come into conflict with each other?

Indeed, that was the case.

Qiao Nian had to admit that the culprit was quite a clever person.

Qiao Nian narrowed her eyes and looked up at Jiang Yue. If she remembered correctly, Jiang Yue studied medicine as well, and she had already received a PhD.

"In the cold medicine, there's an extraneous dose of safflower. There shouldn't have been a problem with the combination of these and my medicine, but because the dosage of the safflower was incorrect, Grandma was poisoned." Qiao Nian said coldly, a slight frown on her face.

Hearing Qiao Nian's words, everyone was stunned.

Qiao Nian walked over to the table and looked at the teacup Matriarch Gu had drunk from. There was the faint smell of Chinese medicine emanating from the teacup. She brought the cup to her nose. Sniffing carefully, she caught the scent of safflower.

"There are traces of safflower in this cup." Qiao Nian's gaze fell on Jiang Yue's face, and she handed the cup to the servant. "Go and investigate if this bow! has been previously soaked in safflower solution."

Jiang Yue turned pale. She remained quiet.

Qiao Nian didn't name names. Instead, she continued, "This person is very smart. They know that Grandma's pulse will go haywire when she takes the medicine. It might seem

as if she's got a cold or a fever, but if she takes medicine which contains safflower, she'll be poisoned. She might go into a coma,

but if it's serious, she'll die."

Gu Zhou's eyes were filled with ice. His hands were clenched tightly into fists as he swept his gaze over everyone present. It was as if he were a wild beast about to capture its prey. His gaze was suffocating, striking fear in everyone who met his eyes.

Doctor Su leaned over and carefully looked at the two portions of medicinal dregs. He nodded thoughtfully. "Indeed!"

At this point, Doctor Su no longer dared to look down on Qiao Nian. He sensed that this young lass was quite capable.

Jiang Yue coughed twice. Glaring at Qiao Nian resentfully, she raged, "Qiao Nian, why did you harm Grandma? Grandma likes you so much. She's treated you so well.. Do you still have a conscience?"

Chapter 95: Biting The Hand That Feeds You?

"Jiang Yue, after I left the medicinal room yesterday, did you enter the medicinal room?" Qiao Nian looked at Jiang Yue intently. When she spoke to Zhao Qian yesterday, she had vaguely sensed that someone was outside.

Jiang Yue frowned. She said angrily, "Qiao Nian, you're trying to frame me. I'm telling you, Grandma has raised me since I was young. How could I do such a thing?"

Holding the fruit knife, Qiao Nian stepped towards Matriarch Gu. She sneered when she heard Jiang Yue's words. "You know very well whether you did it or not."

"I didn't do anything." Jiang Yue argued loudly. Seeing Qiao Nian pick up the fruit knife, she took two steps back in fear. When she saw that Qiao Nian wasn't about to rush at her with the knife, she hurriedly stepped forward again to stop Qiao Nian. "W-What are you going to do with the knife?"

"Tm going to save Grandma's life. You'd better go somewhere else. Don't interfere with my work!" Qiao Nian reached out and pushed Jiang Yue's arm away.

Jiang Yue hurriedly grabbed Qiao Nian's hand, her eyes full of vigilance. "You won't need a knife to save Grandma!"

"Let go of me!" Qiao Nian looked at Jiang Yue, practically speechless with frustration. Without hesitation, she mercilessly dislocated one of Jiang Yue's arms.

## The pain was so great that Jiang Yue screamed, instantly turning pale.

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Qiao Nian walked over to the bed. Seeing Gu Zhou looking at Matriarch Gu worriedly, she comforted him. "Grandma will be fine. I'll start letting some of Grandma's blood now…"

"You're spouting nonsense! Who treats patients like this?!" Right now, Jiang Yue had more on her mind than just the pain. She couldn't even be bothered to scream about it any longer. Instead, she shouted, "I've already called 120. The ambulance will be here soon!"

Seeing that Gu Zhou trusted Qiao Nian, Jiang Yue grew so anxious that tears began to stream down her face. "Second Brother, you mustn't believe what she's saying. She has always been a suspect in this incident. We can't let her torment Grandma anymore, unless she can prove her innocence."

Gu Zhou did not speak. He lowered his gaze, seemingly in thought.

"I don't need to prove anything, If we miss the optimal window for treatment, that will be a big problem for Grandma." Qiao Nian looked at Gu Zhou and said calmly, "Moreover, Jiang Yue is clearly full of nonsense. She's not thinking of how to stabilize Grandma's condition. Instead, she wants to sow

discord at this critical moment. She likely has other intentions."

Gu Zhou glanced at the butler and said impassively, "Tie her up and throw her out!"

Jiang Yue thought that Gu Zhou was going to throw Qiao Nian out of the room. She looked toward Qiao Nian with arrogance, but when the butler walked up to her, she was completely stunned.

"What are you doing? Why are you tying me up? Second Brother asked you to throw Qiao Nian out, not me!" One of Jiang Yue's arms had been dislocated, and she was in a lot of pain. Seeing that the butler was still trying to tie her up, she turned red from exertion and anxiety.

The butler did not speak. Instead, he swiftly tied Jiang Yue up. Although Jiang Yue was Matriarch Lin's god-granddaughter, Second Young Master's words were the imperial edict.

'As Jiang Yue was led out of the room by the butler, she turned back to glare resentfully at Qiao Nian.

#### Grandma trusted Qiao Nian!

Gu Zhou trusted Qiao Nian!

Even Zhao Qian, who liked Gu Zhou, was beginning to trust Qiao Nian!

How was this fair?

'Why did everyone believe Qiao Nian? Why not her?

When Jiang Yue had been taken out, the room fell silent.

Gu Zhou looked up at Qiao Nian and said coldly, "If you don't make a move now, I'll believe for the time being that this has nothing to do with you. If you make a move now, but fail to save Grandma, you won't be able to live either!"

Qiao Nian's dark eyes were fixed intently on Gu Zhou. She knew very well that Gu Zhou was testing her.

Moreover, she knew that Gu Zhou was not joking. If she did not manage to save Grandma, he would kill her without hesitation.

Qiao Nian gripped the fruit knife in her hand tightly. Lowering her gaze, she cut open her grandmother's hand without hesitation.

Blood gushed out instantly, dying the bedsheets crimson. It was a ghastly sight!

Qiao Nian was using an action to answer Gu Zhou's question.

If Grandma lived, she would live. If Grandma died, she was willing to die with Grandma!

Everyone was stunned by Qiao Nian's actions.

Chapter 96: Everything Is Fine Now

Seeing how bold Qiao Nian was, Doctor Su broke out in a cold sweat.

In his eyes, Qiao Nian's actions were tantamount to suicide.

Qiao Nian took out a silver needle and continued to purge the poison in Matriarch Gu's body. When she was done, she stood up and began to walk out of the room.

Seeing this, the butler thought that Qiao Nian was trying to escape the situation. Just as he was about to chase after her, Gu Zhou shot him a look, and the butler quailed.

Two minutes later, much to everyone's astonishment, Qiao Nian ran back into the room, holding a white porcelain bottle.

Her forehead was covered in sweat, perhaps because she had been running too fast.

Qiao Nian didn't even have time to wipe her sweat away. With a solemn expression, she helped Matriarch Gu up again. After feeding Matriarch Gu the medicine, she glanced at her watch and removed the silver needles from Matriarch Gu's body.

After she was done, Qiao Nian bandaged the wound on Matriarch Gu's wrist and helped her lie back down.

Everyone's attention was wholly on Matriarch Gu. Only after seeing her chest rise and fall did they all heave a sigh of relief.

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Jiang Yue stood at the side with her head slightly lowered. No one could tell what she was feeling.

"Ah!" The butler screamed.

Everyone turned to frown at the butler. They all felt displeased with his behavior; he was acting overly flustered.

A trace of joyous surprise flashed across the butler's face. He said loudly, "Why are you looking at me? Look at Matriarch Gu instead. Her fingers moved!"

His words instantly attracted everyone's attention, and they all turned to look at Matriarch Gu's hands.

When Gu Zhou saw Matriarch Gu's fingers move, delight flashed in his eyes. For a moment, the world of darkness that had shrouded the onlookers seemed to be filled with light.

Doctor Su looked at Matriarch Gu's fingers in disbelief.

H-how was this possible

Did Qiao Nian really save Matriarch Gu?

suppressing the joy he felt, Gu Zhou lowered his gaze before glancing at Qiao Nian, who was sitting next to him. His expression was complicated.

Qiao Nian placed her hand on Matriarch Gu's forehead. After a beat, she retracted it.

#### Matriarch Gu was no longer running a fever, and her condition had already stabilized.

Qiao Nian's heart, which had been in her throat, finally settled back down. She looked up at Gu Zhou and met his dark eyes. His eyes were as calm as the surface of a lake, almost as if he didn't care if Matriarch Gu lived or died.

"Grandma's fever has already subsided and her life is no longer in danger. However, her body is still very weak right now and she can't move around. She can only recuperate in bed. After this, I'll prescribe some medicine for Grandma to recuperate," Qiao Nian said calmly. Her gaze inadvertently fell on Gu

Zhou's hands, and she saw Gu Zhou's clenched fists slowly loosen.

So he was still very worried about Matriarch Gu.

Jiang Yue, who had been standing at the side, widened her eyes in disbelief. "Grandma... Is she really okay?"

How was this possible?

Apart from feeding her some medicine, Qiao Nian had only inserted a few needles into Grandma. She had also let quite a lot of Grandma's blood. Was that really all it took to save Grandma?

Not only that, but this also meant that Qiao Nian was no longer a suspect.

Qiao Nian gave Jiang Yue a meaningful look, then her gaze fell on Doctor Su's face. She said, "Doctor Su, you can come over to examine Matriarch Gu again."

Doctor Su had been waiting for Qiao Nian to say this for a long time. He had never expected Qiao Nian to rescue Matriarch Gu in just two or three moves.

He stepped forward quickly and began to examine Matriarch Gu. His hand first fell on Matriarch Gu's wrist.

A person's pulse was the best indicator of their health condition.

Strange. How strange.

Although Matriarch Gu's pulse was weak, it had calmed down significantly.

Matriarch Gu was not running a fever now, and her complexion was gradually getting better. She was truly out of danger.

Doctor Su looked at Qiao Nian in disbelief, forgetting to even breathe... After a long while, he finally asked stammeringly, "Which hospital are you from? Why haven't I heard of you before?"

Chapter 97: Awaken

"Tm not a doctor in any hospital. It's normal for Doctor Su to not know of me. But Doctor Su, do you remember what you said just now?"

A trace of embarrassment flashed across Doctor Su's face. He still remembered what he had just said.

He felt that he had truly overestimated his own abilities.

However, he had to concede defeat. He was not a sore loser, nor one who would go back on his word.

Letting out a helpless sigh, Doctor Su replied, "I know. I will withdraw from the medical field in the future, and will no longer treat anyone else ever again."

Qiao Nian's expression was blank as she spoke. "There's no need for that. I hope Doctor Su can nurse Grandma back to good health."

At Qiao Nian's words, everyone was stunned.

Even Doctor Su was stunned.

His attitude just now had been dreadful. He had practically accused Qiao Nian of being a liar.

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Now that he heard Qiao Nian's words, he felt immensely guilty. When he looked at Qiao Nian again, his eyes were filled with admiration.

Qiao Nian was so young, but she was so magnanimous.

Most people would not be able to achieve the same level of character.

"I'm sorry, Second Young Madam. In the future, I'll take proper care of Matriarch Gu's health. If there's anything you need from me in the future, I'l definitely go through hell and high water for you without hesitation!" Doctor Su said sincerely.

## Qiao Nian's expression was indifferent. "That won't be necessary."

### Actually, Qiao Nian could understand what Dr. Su had just done.

If this were to happen to an ordinary doctor, they would naturally think that there was no chance of Grandma making it out alive. Hence, Doctor Su just wanted for Grandma to pass away in peace.

This was because Doctor Su's medical skills were not entirely up to standard.

Hence, the blame shouldn't lie on only Doctor Su's shoulders.

Qiao Nian's gaze fell on Jiang Yue. Jiang Yue began to feel a little uncomfortable under her gaze. She lowered her head, her mind racing as she thought about how to get rid of the suspicion that had fallen on her.

Just as she was about to speak, Matriarch Gu awakened.

Matriarch Gu opened her eyes slightly and looked at Gu Zhou, who was standing by her bed. Her eyes were slightly red-rimmed as she said weakly, "Ah Zhou..."

"Grandma!" Seeing that Matriarch Gu had awoken, Jiang Yue looked as if she had seen a ray of hope. She hurriedly rushed over with teary eyes, calling out excitedly.

However, Gu Zhou turned around and blocked Jiang Yue from view.

Gu Zhou looked down at Matriarch Gu and reached out to grab her hand. His voice was as low as ever. "Grandma."

"Tseem to have had a very long dream. I dreamed that I met the king of the underworld, He wanted me to reincarnate." At this point, Matriarch Gu began to sob.

A trace of worry flashed in Gu Zhou's eyes, but he quickly recovered his usual composure. "It was just a dream."

Matriarch Gu's eyes were red. This was actually the first time she had had such a close brush with death.

However, when she thought about leaving Ah Zhou and Little Qi behind after her death, her heart ached terribly.

Actually, the person she was most worried about was Ah Zhou. This child had a phobia of women and was extremely paranoid. If he didn't get together with Nian Nian, he would probably be alone for the rest of his life.

Now, her greatest hope was to see Gu Zhou live a happy life before she passed.

Matriarch Gu turned to look at Qiao Nian, who was standing at the side. She said softly, "Nian Nian."

"Grandma." Seeing Matriarch Gu in such a weak state, Qiao Nian thought of her own grandmother, who had raised her since she was young, She felt terrible.

"Theard a little of what just happened." Matriarch Gu looked at Qiao Nian gratefully. "Without you, I might not have woken up. You're really the lucky star of the Gu family."

"It's all my fault that you've suffered so much this time." Qiao Nian shook her head slightly. In her heart, she blamed herself greatly. "If I had been able to keep an eye on the medicinal room, such a serious mishap would not have happened."

"This has nothing to do with you. No one can possibly keep their guard up forever, nor maintain constant vigilance." Matriarch Gu spoke up to comfort her. "This is someone else's fault, not yours. Don't blame yourself for this..."

Chapter 98: Forcing Her to Take an Oath

Qiao Nian chose to no longer dwell on this matter. Instead, she said softly, "Grandma, you've just woken up and you're still very weak. You need to recuperate in a quiet environment. Don't worry, Second Young Master will definitely investigate what happened today."

Hearing Qiao Nian's words, Matriarch Gu nodded in agreement. "Alright, I'l sleep for a while. You should go back and rest too!"

Jiang Yue, who had been standing at the side, had tears running down her face.

Grandma had called for Second Brother and Qiao Nian, but not her.

It was as if she wasn't even a member of the Gu family.

So Grandma didn't care about her at all.

While Jiang Yue was thinking this, the butler was still untying the knots around her wrists!

Jiang Yue now understood that the only person she could count on in the Gu family was Grandma. Hence, she stepped forward and said, "Second Brother, I want to stay here and take care of Grandma."

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Qiao Nian wanted to object, but she didn't want to quarrel with Jiang Yue in front of Grandma. She could only hope that Gu Zhou wouldn't let Jiang Yue stay.

Gu Zhou gave Jiang Yue an indifferent glance. Showing no mercy, he refused her request. "Grandma needs to rest quietly. She won't need company."

The last bit of blood drained from Jiang Yue's face. Biting her lip, she walked out with everyone else.

The butler was the last to leave Matriarch Gu's room. He closed the door and instructed two servants to guard Matriarch Gu's door.

The butler brought Doctor Su to the medicinal room. They still had to investigate what had happened there.

As the group gradually dispersed, Gu Zhou stood at the entrance of Matriarch Gu's room. He did not leave immediately. Instead, he looked worriedly at Matriarch Gu's door.

Qiao Nian didn't leave either. She believed that the truth about what had happened in the medicinal room would come to light very soon.

Hence, she chose to stand guard at Matriarch Gu's door, thinking that if Matriarch Gu needed anything, she could provide assistance as soon as possible.

Jiang Yue had initially wanted to return to her room, but seeing that Gu Zhou and Qiao Nian had both stayed behind, she decided to stay as well.

With her head slightly lowered, Jiang Yue glanced at Gu Zhou out of the corner of her eye, then at Qiao Nian. Her mind was racing.

"Second Sister-in-law." Jiang Yue walked up to Qiao Nian, breaking the silence in the corridor. Her voice was as gentle as ever, and tinged with a shade of apology.

Qiao Nian leaned on the wall with her arms crossed. Standing at half a head taller than Jiang Yue, she looked down at Jiang Yue impassively. The displeasure in her eyes was obvious.

Jiang Yue seemed to be frightened by Qiao Nian's gaze. Her eyes grew red-rimmed in an instant, brimming with tears.

suppressing her tears, Jiang Yue spoke, her voice choked-up. "Second Sister-in-law, I was in the wrong just now. I'm really sorry."

Qiao Nian didn't say anything, She just looked at Jiang Yue calmly.

Jiang Yue felt a little uncomfortable under Qiao Nian's gaze. She lowered her head, tears flowing down her cheeks in silence. "If anything happens to Grandma, I won't want to live anymore."

Qiao Nian didn't speak for a long time. She just stared at Jiang Yue. When she saw Jiang Yue sneaking a glance at her, she spoke. "Jiang Yue."

Qiao Nian's voice was cold, like ice in the dead of winter. It chilled one to the bone.

Jiang Yue looked up at Qiao Nian with teary eyes. She felt a chill run down her spine.

Qiao Nian continued looking at Jiang Yue calmly, her brow raised. She enunciated each word clearly as she spoke. "Can you swear on the souls of your deceased parents that you didn't tamper with any of the herbs in the medicine cabinet?"

Qiao Nian's words attracted the attention of the servants. One by one, they looked toward Jiang Yue, waiting to watch a good show.

Jiang Yue tended to act high and mighty in the Gu residence, and often bullied the servants. They had long found Jiang Yue an eyesore.

Jiang Yue's face was now as pale as a sheet of paper. Her teeth were chattering, and her hands were clenched tightly.

"If you're the one who harmed Grandma, your parents' souls will never be reincarnated. You'll never be able to be with the person you love for the rest of your life!" Qiao Nian narrowed her eyes at Jiang Yue. "Do you dare to take this oath?"

Jiang Yue's breathing grew more and more rapid, and her heart gradually rose to her throat. Her forehead was covered in sweat, and she swayed on the spot, as if she would faint at any moment..

Chapter 99: Taking the Oath

"Second Brother, I didn't harm Grandma!" Jiang Yue looked toward Gu Zhou pleadingly, as if she hoped that Gu Zhou would stand up for her. "Everything I've done has been for Grandma's sake."

Gu Zhou merely stood there in silence, his entire body radiating a cold aura.

"Second Brother, Grandma raised me since I was young. How could I be so ungrateful?" Jiang Yue looked at Gu Zhou anxiously, tears trickling down her face. She looked extremely pitiful. Those who didn't know better would think that someone had bullied her. "Since you didn't do anything to let Grandma down, then take the oath!" Qiao Nianfeng said lightly.

"Second Sister-in-law, how can you say that?" Jiang Yue questioned tearfully. "My parents were already in great pain when they were alive. Why do you still want to disrupt their souls?"

"Since you said that you didn't do this, then even if you were to swear on their souls, you wouldn't be disturbing them, would you?" Qiao Nian said carelessly. She glared coldly at Jiang Yue, her gaze like a venomous snake.

Jiang Yue's scalp began to go numb under Qiao Nian's glare. She shook her head and said stubbornly, "I didn't do it. I didn't harm Grandma!"

"Then swear on it!" Qiao Nian said relentlessly, reminding Jiang Yue of her words once again.

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Jiang Yue clenched her fists tightly, tears falling from her eyes. After a long while, she said with red-rimmed eyes, "If I'm the one who made Grandma fall ill, then my parents will never be able to reincarnate. They will never, ever be happy."

After taking the oath, Jiang Yue started to cry even more pitifully.

'When Qiao Nian heard Jiang Yue's words, a faint smile appeared on her face. "Since you've already sworn on it, I'll believe you for the time being."

Jiang Yue wiped her tears and asked pitifully, "Second Sister-in-law, why are you targeting me?"

"Miss Jiang, are you sure that statement is entirely accurate?" Qiao Nian asked.

Jiang Yue looked at Qiao Nian strangely, not understanding what she had said wrong.

"Out of everyone in the Gu family, you've always been the one targeting me, haven't you?" Qiao Nian asked, looking at Jiang Yue.

Jiang Yue froze for a moment. Indeed, she seemed to be the only one who had suspected Qiao Nian just now. She had been too anxious just now.

Qiao Nian looked at Jiang Yue thoughtfully, then turned to look at Gu Zhou and said, "T'll go prepare some herbal cuisine for Grandma."

With that, Qiao Nian left without looking back.

Jiang Yue watched as Qiao Nian left. For some reason, she had a bad feeling about this.

"Jiang Yue."

Gu Zhou's voice rang out from the side. Jiang Yue turned to look at Gu Zhou.

"Do you still remember how your parents died?" Standing where he was, Gu Zhou asked coldly.

Jiang Yue looked at Gu Zhou. She understood what Gu Zhou meant. Gu Zhou was still suspicious of her.

Back then, their family of three had been kidnapped. In order to protect her, his father and mother had been tortured to death by the kidnappers.

When the police arrived, she had been shielded by her parents, who had bracketed her on both sides. It was because of this that she managed to survive the ordeal. However, her parents had already been beaten black and blue.

Jiang Yue could still remember her parents' groans of pains when they were tortured. Even now, she often dreamed of her parents being tortured in the hands of the kidnappers.

"Second Brother, I've had nothing to do with any of this. A clear conscience is not afraid of slander." Forcibly maintaining her composure, Jiang Yue spoke, enunciating each word.

Gu Zhou gave Jiang Yue a meaningful look, then left.

Jiang Yue was drenched in cold sweat. Seeing Gu Zhou leave, her legs gave way, and she collapsed to the ground, sobbing.

The two servants, who had been guarding Matriarch Gu's room, looked down at Jiang Yue and pretended not to see anything.

Jiang Yue cried hysterically, as if she had suffered a tremendous grievance.

Jiang Yue sobbed until she passed out..

Chapter 100: Budding

Qiao Nian walked to the kitchen and carefully examined all the utensils there. She was worried that some of the utensils might have been soaked in safflower solution as well.

After Qiao Nian had made sure that all of them were clean, she got ready to head to the medicinal room to prepare some herbs for Grandma. Just as she turned around, she accidentally bumped into someone.

Startled, she instinctively stepped backwards. However, she stumbled over a small stool next to her, falling backwards uncontrollably.

Qiao Nian quickly shut her eyes, bracing herself for the impact. However, the expected pain from the impact did not arrive.

She opened her eyes and saw Gu Zhou standing in front of her. He had already secured an arm around her waist.

Gu Zhou's arm flexed. In one swift motion, he pulled Qiao Nian towards him.

Qiao Nian found herself falling clumsily into Gu Zhou's arms. Her ear was pressed against his chest.

His heartbeat echoed clearly in her ears. She could smell the faint aroma of medicine from his body.

Qiao Nian's ears turned red without her permission. Hurriedly, she pushed Gu Zhou away and lowered her gaze. Pursing her lips, she asked, "Aren't you going to stand guard by Grandma's door?"

Gu Zhou straightened his clothes. Immediately, he glimpsed a red lipstick stain on his white shirt. He looked up and saw that Qiao Nian's lipstick was slightly smudged.

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Extending a hand, he gently touched the corner of Qiao Nian's mouth with his thumb. His movements were exceedingly gentle, as if he was terrified of hurting her.

Qiao Nian's heart began to race as she looked up at Gu Zhou. Suddenly, the memory of that night five years ago flashed into her mind.

The man had caressed the corner of her mouth like this, too.

Their actions were practically identical.

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Qiao Nian stared at Gu Zhou, frozen. After a moment, she ducked away, avoiding his hand. She tucked her hair behind her ear awkwardly and said, "I'm going to make some porridge for Grandma."

"Thank you for today." At this moment, Gu Zhou was wholly certain that Qiao Nian had nothing to do with those people. If she had, he guessed that he would have died under her silver needles by now.

"That..." Qiao Nian pursed her lips and looked up at Gu Zhou. "She's my grandmother now. It's only right that I save her. You don't have to thank me specially."

With that, Qiao Nian walked towards the medicinal room.

She was worried that others would retrieve the wrong medicinal ingredients, so she decided to retrieve the herbs herself. After calculating the dosage, she returned to the kitchen to prepare the medicinal porridge.

Gu Zhou remained standing at the entrance of the kitchen. He watched as the kitchen bustled with activity. Steam rose from the pots on the stove, curling in the air. Gu Zhou felt an indescribable warmth in his heart. That warmth seemed to adhere to his blood, flowing through his entire body.

He lowered his head slightly. His thumb was still pink from Qiao Nian's lipstick. He couldn't help but recall the touch of Qiao Nian's lips. Something in his heart began to stir.

Gu Zhou frowned, forcibly suppressing the strange feeling in his heart.

'While Qiao Nian was making the porridge, she noticed Gu Zhou standing behind her the entire time. When the porridge was almost ready, Gu Zhou had disappeared. Only then did she heave a sigh of relief.

She was really too tired right now. She would ask the butler to bring the porridge to Matriarch Gu.

At the fifth mental hospital in An City.

Decked in haute couture, high heels, and a pair of sunglasses, Qiao Xin stepped into the mental hospital.

At this moment, the patients in the mental hospital were playing outside. Some of them were defecating in the courtyard, and some were even running around naked.

Qiao Xin frowned, her eyes filled with contempt.

However, when she thought of Qiao Nian living with these people, she felt a spark of joy.

"Second Young Mistress Qiao, this way, please!" The nurse smiled at Qiao Xin and led her to a building not far away.

Just as she reached the entrance of the building, Qiao Nian's attending doctor, Yang Ze, walked out with a smile. "Second Young Mistress Qiao, you're here."

Qiao Xin walked up to Yang Ze and took off her sunglasses, displaying a sweet and polite smile. She asked, "Doctor Yang, what has my sister been doing when she lived here for the past five years?"

Qiao Xin was curious. How did Qiao Nian become the principal of An University?

Hence, she came down here to investigate.

It would be great if Qiao Nian had made a fool of herself here. Then, she could publicize Qiao Nian's "excellence" to the Gu family.

Yang Ze thought for a while and said, "Miss Qiao would either be reading or gardening. She has never left the hospital."

Qiao Xin's expression faltered just a fraction. How was this possible?