

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

941 I Don't Know Where I Went Wrong

"Yes, if Song Man was the eldest daughter of the Lu family, she should have returned to the Lu family directly, not meet the Lu family through Qiao Xin." As Qiao Yu spoke, he looked at Qiao Xin sharply and continued, "You thought that Song Man was the eldest daughter of the Lu family. You thought that you had already joined forces with Song Man, which was why you met with Qiao Nian last night. You didn't expect to fail."

At this point, the problem that had been bothering Qiao Yu was instantly resolved. He continued, "If I'm not wrong, the real eldest daughter of the Lu family is Qiao Nian. Lu Zhu shot you because of what you did to Qiao Nian!"

After Qiao Yu finished speaking, the room was so quiet that one could hear a pin drop.

Su Xue looked at Qiao Yu in disbelief and asked, "W-What did you say? Qiao Nian was the young miss of the Lu family. How is that possible?"

Qiao Shan couldn't believe Qiao Yu's words either. He looked at Qiao Yu in surprise.

Qiao Xin stared at Qiao Yu in shock. She had never expected her brother to guess everything correctly after just a few words.

Was this the difference between a genius and an ordinary person?

Seeing Qiao Xin's shocked expression, Qiao Yu asked, "What did I say wrong?"

Qiao Xin pursed her lips and shook her head. Reluctantly, she said, "I only found out later from Lu Zhu that Song Man's blood is the same as Qiao Nian's. If I'm not wrong, Song Man must have had a bone marrow transplant from Qiao Nian. The real eldest daughter of the Lu family is Qiao Nian!"

Su Xue staggered. If she hadn't been holding onto the bed, she would have fallen.

With that, Qiao Xin's gaze fell on Su Xue's face. She said excitedly, "Mom, you told me before that she's just an unwanted young lady born to a rich businessman's lover. How can she be a member of the Lu family, and the enviable eldest daughter of the Lu family?"

The blood drained from Su Xue's face.

She didn't know what was going on either.

The kidnapping of the eldest daughter of the Lu family more than twenty years ago had spread like wildfire. Everyone knew that the eldest daughter of the Lu family was dead and that the kidnappers had killed her.

Qiao Shan was also shocked. He frowned at Su Xue, as if this was the first time he had seen his ex-wife. He asked, "At this point, you should tell the truth. Where exactly did you pick Qiao Nian up from?"

Qiao Yu's gaze fell on Su Xue's pale face. He had a bad feeling.

Su Xue's eyes instantly turned red. If what happened more than twenty years ago was discovered, she would never be able to get back together with Qiao Shan again.

Last time, Qiao Shan had already suspected her. At that time, she had only managed to fool him, but Qiao Shan had still given her a good beating.

If Qiao Shan knew that she had already cheated on him more than twenty years ago and even embezzled the company's funds, he would definitely want to tear her to pieces.

"When I lived in my hometown, Soul City, I didn't know about the kidnapping of the eldest daughter of the Lu family either. However, she was wearing tattered clothes, and she was injured. Her brain wasn't working well either, so she grabbed me and called me Mom. At that time,

I saw that there was a million yuan in adoption fees. In addition, the feng shui master had once said that Qiao Yu wasn't in good health and needed us to do more good deeds. Therefore, I thought that adopting a child was a good thing, so I brought her home," Su Xue said helplessly, frowning.

When Qiao Yu heard Su Xue's words, he frowned and asked, "What one million?"

Qiao Shan knew about this, so he said, "When Qiao Nian arrived at our house when she was young, she was carrying a small school bag. Inside the school bag was a cheque for a million yuan. At that time, Qiao Nian really didn't remember anything. She only said that her name was 'Nian'er', so we named her Qiao Nian!"

When Qiao Yu heard Qiao Shan's words, he was stunned. After a while, he smiled coldly and said sarcastically, "I thought that Mom and Dad were both kind people who were willing to adopt a young lady. After Grandma left, you threw her into the mountains to fend for herself. At that time, I thought you were selfish. You casually adopted a child and left her behind. Six years ago, you even let Qiao Xin bully her like that. You're really good parents!"

Qiao Shan and Su Xue's faces turned pale with shame.

## 942 Regret

Qiao Yu smiled self-deprecatingly. "If I grew up by your side, would I have become such a selfish person?"

"Qiao Yu, that's not what happened. Actually, back then..." Su Xue also wanted to explain herself, but she didn't know how to say it, because she had indeed done so much wrong.

Qiao Yu looked at the Qiao family in disappointment and said, "Fortunately, I grew up by Grandma's side, so I'm different from you!"

Qiao Yu's heart seemed to have been dug out. Six years ago, Qiao Nian was ruined. At that time, Qiao Nian should have been the most vulnerable and helpless. What had he done?

He had trusted Qiao Xin, which was why he had hurt Qiao Nian's heart.

At that time, Qiao Nian was still a child who had just reached adulthood. How desperate and helpless must she have been?

Actually, at that time, part of the reason was that he didn't know how to face Qiao Nian. He had never treated Qiao Nian as his sister, but...

Qiao Yu closed his eyes in pain. No wonder Qiao Nian had spoken in that tone when he called her back then.

From the beginning to the end, the Qiao family had let Qiao Nian down. Qiao Nian was an innocent victim.

Qiao Shan looked at Qiao Yu's expression and roughly knew what he was thinking. He said angrily, "Are you going to criticize us for Qiao Nian's sake, or do you want to cut ties with us?"

In the past, Qiao Shan had always been the pillar of the Qiao family. He was used to being high and mighty, but now, he was no longer that pillar. His authority was threatened.

Qiao Yu looked at Qiao Shan calmly and didn't answer his question. Instead, he changed the topic and said, "After Qiao Nian left the mental hospital, she gave us a chance. You've always thought that Qiao Nian was just a pet, so you didn't treat her as a human at all. Her last hope for the Qiao family has disappeared."

When Qiao Shan heard Qiao Yu's words, he lowered his head in silence.

Su Xue didn't dare to speak either. She didn't want to hear the name "Qiao Nian" at all. She was very worried that her affair more than twenty years ago would be exposed.

Qiao Xin sat on the hospital bed and said unhappily, "So what? She's just a country bumpkin..."

Before she could finish speaking, she was so frightened by Qiao Yu's gaze that she didn't dare to speak.

"She should have already acknowledged Lu Zhu as her family by now." At this point, Qiao Yu's cold gaze landed on Su Xue's face. "According to how worried the Lu family is regarding the eldest daughter of the Lu family, what do you think the Lu family will do to the Qiao family to comfort the eldest daughter of the Lu family who they lost and found after years?"

Qiao Yu glanced at Qiao Shan and Su Xue. Seeing that their faces were pale, he continued, "Every year, the Lu family holds a death anniversary for the eldest daughter of the Lu family. Every year, they prepare clothes and jewelry for her. I heard that her things are stored in a separate villa."

"From this, it can be seen that the Lu family really cares about the eldest daughter of the Lu family. The eldest daughter of the Lu family they have missed for more than twenty years is standing in front of them alive. Will they really not do anything?" Qiao Yu said calmly, his hand in his pocket.

Although Qiao Yu's voice was very calm, it still frightened Qiao Xin.

Qiao Xin really hadn't thought too much about it back then. She looked at Qiao Yu, her eyes instantly turning red.

If the Qiao family was gone, her rich life would be gone too. Then, she would never be unable to live a luxurious life again.

At the thought of this, Qiao Xin's tears fell uncontrollably. "I'm sorry for implicating you. It's all my fault..."

Seeing Qiao Xin like this, Qiao Yu no longer looked as arrogant as before. Instead, she looked more like a young lady.

No matter what, Qiao Xin was his sister, his only sister.

The coldness on Qiao Yu's face faded a little as he said, "Don't take matters into your own hands in the future, and don't do anything stupid again. I'll protect the Qiao family!"

The Qiao family was just a small family with assets in An City. They could not compare to the Lu family, which was second to none.

When Qiao Shan heard Qiao Yu's words, he looked at him with a complicated expression.

At this moment, he realized that his son had already grown up. He was no longer a child who needed protection. There was indeed something wrong with his upbringing of Qiao Nian. If Qiao Xin hadn't always targeted Qiao Nian, and if he had asked Qiao Nian to live at home back then, would they already be on good terms with the Lu family and the Nanshan Corporation now?

943 On What Basis?

But the Qiao family was already in danger because of what Su Xue and Qiao Xin had done.

It seemed that the Qiao family could only rely on Qiao Yu in the future.

Qiao Yu lowered his gaze. After some thought, he looked at Su Xue and said, "Mom, Grandma's death anniversary is coming up. When the time comes, go and invite Qiao Nian."

At this moment, Su Xue was thinking about how she had kept a gigolo more than twenty years ago and was cheated of a million yuan by him, so she didn't hear Qiao Yu's words.

After Qiao Yu finished speaking, he did not receive a response from Su Xue. He frowned slightly and called out again, "Mom?"

"Huh?" Su Xue came back to her senses. Seeing that everyone was looking at her, she lowered her gaze in a panic and sighed. "I was thinking about Qiao Nian just now. Sigh, it was all my fault back then. If I had treated her better, it wouldn't have come to this!"

Qiao Yu looked at Su Xue with a complicated expression. He didn't completely believe Su Xue's words, but he still repeated what he had just said!

When Su Xue heard this, she asked expectantly, "Are you trying to use your grandmother's relationship to get close to Qiao Nian so that she won't hold it against Qiao Xin?"

"No." Qiao Shan enunciated each word clearly. "It's to beg Qiao Nian to let our Qiao family off. Do you think the Qiao family can withstand the anger of the Lu family?"

Qiao Xin shrank back and sobbed softly. She really knew that she was in the wrong.

When Qiao Yu heard Su Xue's words, he immediately frowned, his eyes turning cold. "Don't have such thoughts again."

Seeing Qiao Xin looking at him indignantly, Qiao Yu's voice deepened. "Don't mention this in front of Qiao Nian. Besides..."

His gaze fell on Qiao Xin's face. This sister of his was truly pitiful and pathetic. "She might not let Qiao Xin off!"

When Qiao Shan heard Qiao Yu's words, he immediately disagreed. "Wouldn't they have to beg Qiao Nian even more?"

On what basis?

Qiao Nian was just a little girl. Would she go so far?

"If she hadn't caused trouble when she was young, your grandmother wouldn't have fallen, let alone been paralyzed. Your grandmother treated her so well. How could she have the cheek to argue with our family?" Qiao Shan felt that anyone who rejected asking for a favor was a fool!

Su Xue nodded in agreement and said, "If it weren't for her, your grandmother would definitely have lived a few more years!"

Qiao Yu sneered and said coldly, "Are you trying to morally guilt trip her? Do you want the Qiao family to disappear as soon as possible?"

Qiao Yu had never expected that his family had never realized what they had done wrong, nor did they know how to repent sincerely.

He had wanted to make everything clear, but he suddenly realized that his parents and Qiao Xin were both the same. They only knew how to scheme against others and never cared about others.

How selfish!

Moreover, he had more or less been influenced by the Qiao family's bad habits. During Qiao Xin's surgery, he had actually called Qiao Nian to ask her about this.

Right now, he really regretted it. As for compensating Qiao Nian, he would think about it later.

Seeing that the Qiao family was unconvinced, Qiao Yu pursed his lips and said, "Based on your thoughts, the Qiao family will die faster. Do as you please!"

The blood drained from Qiao Shan's face. Was the Qiao Corporation he had painstakingly built really going to disappear?

Su Xue and Qiao Xin didn't look any better either.

"Dad, stay here and take care of Qiao Xin. Mom and I will go out to buy some things for Qiao Xin. After all, we have time today. There are many things to prepare," Qiao Yu said.

At this moment, Qiao Shan's mind was filled with thoughts of the Qiao Corporation. Hearing Qiao Yu's words, he nodded in agreement.

Su Xue followed Qiao Yu out sadly, her mind in a mess.

When they walked into the elevator, Qiao Yu looked at the numbers on the elevator. He turned to look at the distracted Su Xue, his gaze sharp.



“Mom, back then, was the cheque in Qiao Nian’s school bag really only a million yuan?”

Su Xue looked up abruptly and was caught off guard by Qiao Yu’s questioning gaze.

944 Do I Have Reason to Lie?

Qiao Yu’s gaze was so sharp, like a knife stabbing into her heart and discovering her intentions.

Su Xue swallowed and looked up at the elevator numbers. She said casually, “What nonsense are you spouting? Do I have to lie about such things?”

“There’s indeed a possibility of lying!” Qiao Yu said coldly.

Su Xue turned to look at Qiao Yu. She had never expected Qiao Yu to say that.

She felt more or less uncomfortable being pointed out by her biological son that she might lie.

The elevator had already reached the first floor. Qiao Yu followed Su Xue out of the hospital side by side and continued, “The Lu and Gu families are the richest families in An City, and they’re also the top families in the country. In the past, Mrs. Lu used to casually buy things that cost at least a million yuan. How can Qiao Nian only have a million yuan in her bag?”

Su Xue listened to Qiao Yu in fear. She felt that her son seemed to know everything as if he could read minds.

However, more than twenty years had passed. As long as she refused to admit it, no one would find out.

“At that time, the eldest daughter of the Lu family was kidnapped. How could the kidnapper hide her? Even if the kidnapper wanted to get rid of

her and help her find foster care, a million yuan is already not a small sum!" Su Xue said matter-of-factly.

Qiao Yu kept staring at Su Xue's face. Although Su Xue's words were not contradictory, Su Xue's gaze was evasive. It was obvious that she was not telling the truth.

"Mom, do you think you're very smart, or do you think Dad is too stupid?" Qiao Yu asked.

Su Xue was slightly stunned. She looked at Qiao Yu in confusion and asked, "What do you mean by that?"

"Before Dad knew that Qiao Nian was the eldest daughter of the Lu family, he thought that a million yuan was a huge sum of money. It was normal for him to raise Qiao Nian unquestioningly. However, Qiao Nian is the eldest daughter of the Lu family. The Lu family is extremely rich. Is there really someone who would only give Qiao Nian's foster parents a million yuan in child support? No one will believe this, right? It's normal for Dad to be suspicious," Qiao Yu said indifferently, his voice cold.

Su Xue had finally made his point.

Those people had placed Qiao Nian at Widow Wang's door because they wanted her to treat Qiao Nian well.

If Widow Wang had ten million yuan, she would definitely give all the money to Qiao Nian so that she could have the best living conditions and education.

Moreover, that person had said that he would pick Qiao Nian up a year later.

Therefore, back then, that person had only taken out six million yuan for Qiao Nian's annual living expenses!

Su Xue pursed her lips tightly and said in a panic, "You're saying that he'll investigate the situation back then?"

Qiao Yu stopped in his tracks and stared unblinkingly at Su Xue. His eyes narrowed slightly. "If you think Dad can't find out what happened back then, then continue to hide it. But if he finds out, you'll have to pay a lot!"

Su Xue felt as if she had been struck by lightning. Her legs gave way and she took a few steps back.

She felt that the entire world had changed.

How had this happened?

Her eyes were red as she took a few steps back, frowning.

If Qiao Shan really found out what she had done back then, she would never be able to step into the Qiao family again.

Su Xue was so anxious that her eyes were red. In the end, she looked at Qiao Yu helplessly and begged, "Qiao Yu, son, you're Mom's only hope. Now that the Qiao Corporation is in your hands, I believe you can do better than your father. Help me think about what I should do."

When Qiao Yu heard Su Xue's words, he understood. It seemed that what had happened back then was indeed not simple. "What did you do back then?"

"I..." Su Xue looked around uneasily. Seeing that there was no one around, she said softly, "Back then, I was also tricked by a bad person. That person tricked me into investing in something bad. At that time, I didn't have much money, and the family still had to support you and your sister. I was crazy about money, so I wanted to invest."

When Su Xue spoke of what had happened back then, she couldn't help but sigh again. "At that time, I embezzled more than a million yuan from the company. I wanted to earn more, but I didn't expect that person to run away with the money. Coincidentally, Qiao Nian appeared. She still had a check for six million yuan in her bag. I..."

945 Six Million

“Six million?” Qiao Yu looked at Su Xue in disbelief.

More than twenty years ago, six million yuan was a huge sum!

Su Xue lowered her head. She didn’t expect herself to tell the truth.

In her opinion, the more mistakes one made, the better it was to say nothing.

Qiao Yu’s mind was in a mess. Six million yuan was a huge sum in the modern era. Ordinary families would never have so much money in their entire lives.

He looked at Su Xue’s face as if he was looking at a stranger. He was so angry that he laughed.

“Qiao Yu.” Su Xue felt that something was wrong with Qiao Yu’s expression and called out worriedly, “What’s wrong?”

“Six million. You took six million away. How can you treat Qiao Nian like this? Do you still have a conscience?” Qiao Yu was so angry that he loosened his tie, his eyes slightly red.

Tears welled up in Su Xue’s eyes. She raised her hand to wipe them away and said tearfully, “I didn’t do it on purpose back then. I was also afraid of losing money, but I was afraid that the company would be dragged down by me, so I took the money to fill the hole. I didn’t dare to take out the remaining money.”

“Although Qiao Nian was young at that time, I was really afraid that she would tell others about the money. If the numbers didn’t match, your father would know that I had been cheated. That’s a million yuan. A million yuan isn’t a small sum. I could only send Qiao Nian to the countryside. That way, I could hide the fact that I had lost money.”

Seeing that everyone was looking over, Su Xue wiped her tears. After everyone left, she looked at Qiao Yu pitifully. “Qiao Yu, Mom really didn’t do it on purpose. Mom took the wrong step back then, but I didn’t expect Qiao Nian to be the eldest daughter of the Lu family!”

“Are you in the wrong?” Qiao Yu looked at Su Xue in disappointment. He pursed his lips and enunciated each word clearly. “You keep saying that you were wrong. You only admitted that you lost money. Do you admit to anything else?”

Su Xue’s lips parted slightly, not understanding what Qiao Yu meant.

“You’re doing this for your own sake. You’ve never felt that it was wrong of you to let Qiao Nian stay in the countryside. Even if you’re worried that Qiao Nian will say that she’ll fork out the money, you can send her somewhere else and find a nanny to take good care of her. What did you do? Let her fend for herself!” Qiao Yu really found it hard to imagine that his mother hadn’t taken good care of Qiao Nian after taking her money!

“I also wanted to find a nanny to take care of Qiao Nian, but if I really did that, your father would definitely suspect Qiao Nian’s identity!” Su Xue tried hard to find an excuse. “I was helpless back then!”

“You say you’re helpless but I think you’ve been planning this for a long time. Who would believe the words of a three-year-old child?” Qiao Yu looked at Su Xue in disappointment and questioned, “Back then, Grandma took care of Qiao Nian for so long, but Qiao Nian didn’t even say anything about the cheque. How do you know that she still remembers? Back then, when I was studying overseas, you kept lying to me, saying that Qiao Nian was very well. But when I returned, I realized that Qiao Nian had long been thrown to the countryside by you! She was still a child. How could she live alone?”

Su Xue was rendered speechless by Qiao Yu’s words.

Qiao Yu was so angry that his face and neck turned red. Suddenly, an idea flashed across his mind. He looked at Su Xue suspiciously and said tentatively, “Did the investment really fail?”

Su Xue’s heart jumped to her throat. She looked at Qiao Yu and tried hard to remain calm. She nodded and said, “Yes, the investment failed!”

After Su Xue finished speaking, she looked at Qiao Yu uneasily. As a mother, how could she have the cheek to tell her son that she had been cheated of her money because she had a gigolo?

However, as long as Qiao Shan stopped investigating the past, Qiao Shan would never know that she had cheated on him in the past.

However, she didn't know what her son thought. Would he stand on her side?

Qiao Yu's gaze fell on Su Xue's face, his eyes deep. For some reason, he felt that his mother was hiding something else. It seemed that he had to investigate further.

Seeing Qiao Yu looking at her suspiciously, Su Xue said pitifully, "Qiao Yu, Mom really wants you and Xin Xin to live a better life. Mom did all of this for you. However, I was deceived back then. Otherwise, I wouldn't have..."

946 Denial

"Mom," Qiao Yu interrupted Su Xue and asked seriously, "Was that really the case back then?"

Su Xue nodded eagerly and said, "Otherwise, what else can Mom do with the money?"

Qiao Yu didn't speak. He looked at Su Xue in disappointment.

No matter what the situation was, he couldn't accept the fact that Su Xue had sent Qiao Nian to the countryside back then.

At that time, he was young and powerless. He couldn't fight for Qiao Nian, let alone salvage the situation. The only thing he could do was go to the countryside to accompany Qiao Nian when he was free. He wanted to make up for his mother's mistake.

It was precisely because of this that Qiao Nian mistook him for Brother White Shirt.

Actually, at that time, he didn't think too much about it. He just wanted to take care of her more and make her shine.

However, he had never expected Qiao Nian's first reaction was to leave him when she found out that he was a member of the Qiao family.

He could understand Qiao Nian's choice and respected it.

Qiao Yu walked out of the hospital. He thought of how Qiao Nian's innocence had been ruined six years ago, how Qiao Nian had given birth to three dead babies, and how she had been locked up in a mental hospital.

What had Qiao Nian done wrong?

She had done nothing wrong.

The six million yuan she had with her had long been squandered by his mother, who had mercilessly sent her to the countryside to fend for herself.

Due to her beauty and wit, his sister was jealous and always bullied her.

If Qiao Nian had been adopted by someone else, she would definitely have been pampered and taken good care of. She would never have lived such a hard life.

"Mom, if you're telling the truth, I think you'd better confess to Dad. If there's anything else you haven't said, consider it as confessing this time. When Dad finds out what happened back then, you'll know his temper. At that time, your outcome will definitely be very tragic!"

With that, Qiao Yu quickened his pace without waiting for Su Xue.

Su Xue was stunned for a moment. She stood rooted to the ground and watched as Qiao Yu left. She frowned slightly, her heart in a mess.

No matter what happened, she could only say that her investment had failed and she had lost money. She could not tell the truth.

She could not let Qiao Shan know that she was keeping a gigolo.

As long as Qiao Shan didn't know about these things, everything would be fine.

At the thought of this, Su Xue hurriedly jogged after Qiao Yu.

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At the Gu family villa.

Sunlight filtered into the room through the window.

Qiao Nian sat in front of the desk, dark circles under her eyes. She looked at the things on the computer screen, her frown deepening.

She hadn't had a good rest in days. She relied on coffee to refresh herself.

She looked at the records she had found on the computer. They were all very simple. They were all things she already knew. All of them were useless information.

Qiao Nian glanced at the bottom right corner of the computer. It was already eight o'clock.

She called Qin Chuan.

After returning from the Red Bar last night, it was too late for her to call Qin Chuan.

At that time, after she gave birth, it was Qin Chuan who hypnotized her. In other words, Qin Chuan should have known that she had given birth to a few children.

"Hello?"

Qin Chuan's lazy voice came from the phone. He must have just woken up.



Qiao Nian couldn't be bothered to be polite. She went straight to the point and asked, "I know that after I gave birth, my mental state wasn't good. I remember that in order to stop me from continuing to be in pain, you hypnotized me, right?"

Qin Chuan, who had been lying on the bed with sleepy eyes, immediately sat up when he heard Qiao Nian's words. He was wide awake. "You... you remember what happened back then?"

Qiao Nian closed her eyes and leaned back in her office chair. She relaxed and asked, "I vaguely remember that matter."

"Your memories should gradually recover. Don't think too hard about it. The memories of the past are really too painful. If you think about them, your mind might collapse. I..."

"I'm a little curious. If I remember correctly, you only helped people forget some memories back then. When did you learn to tamper with your memories?" Qiao Nian interrupted Qin Chuan and asked.

"Eldest Senior Brother taught me." At this point, Qin Chuan said sternly, "Your current situation is very dangerous. Where are you? I'll look for you and help you change your memory."

947 Crazy

Qiao Nian frowned slightly and asked uncertainly, "You said that Eldest Senior Brother taught you?"

"Yes." Qin Chuan frowned, not relaxing at all. He said, "Back then, Eldest Senior Brother told me that you had lost control of your emotions. If that happened, you might become mentally ill, so he taught me to hypnotize you."

Qiao Nian frowned and lowered her gaze. She felt a little strange. Why was Eldest Senior Brother also involved in this matter?

"At that time, I helped you hypnotize yourself, wanting you to forget about the pregnancy and childbirth. However, your obsession with your

children was too deep, so I could only let you forget a portion and slightly modify a portion of your memories.”

“Yes, when I went there, you had already fainted. The two children beside you were no longer breathing and their hearts were beating. Sigh...” Qin Chuan sighed heavily and said, “After hypnotizing you, I cremated those two children. Since your children are still alive, it means that someone swapped your children back then!”

When Qiao Nian heard Qin Chuan’s words, her expression faltered slightly. It seemed that Qin Chuan had only seen two children back then and not her third child.

Who exactly had taken her child?

Where exactly had the third child gone?

Qin Chuan said, “Actually, even if you can’t remember what happened during the birth, I plan to investigate carefully. When I rushed to your place, I felt that something was a little strange, but I couldn’t say what was strange!”

Qiao Nian was slightly stunned. “What do you mean by that?”

“I keep feeling that something’s wrong, so I’ve been investigating your childbirth for so many years. However, I’m sorry, I haven’t found any more information.” At this point, Qin Chuan couldn’t help but grip his phone tightly. “However, you have to prepare for the worst. If you can’t control your emotions, you might...”

Qiao Nian’s phone slipped to the ground, her beautiful fox-like eyes filled with sorrow.

Worst-case scenario.

Qiao Nian’s lips trembled slightly.

Seeing that Gu Qi and Xiao Shi were alive and well, she naturally thought that the third child was also alive.

However, Qin Chuan's words made her realize that perhaps that child had already...

Qiao Nian's eyes instantly turned red. She sniffled and bent down to pick up her phone, but she couldn't.

Her hands were trembling, and her entire body was shaking. She stood up and tried to pick up the phone, but she fell to her knees.

At this moment, she heard footsteps beside her. She looked over and saw a pair of men's leather shoes.

Gu Zhou bent down and picked up his phone. He kept looking into Qiao Nian's eyes. Seeing that her eyes were red, he reached out and helped her up.

He sensed that Qiao Nian was trembling. A trace of surprise flashed across his eyes as he looked at her worriedly.

Qiao Nian took a few deep breaths and finally managed to calm herself down. She smelled the unique fragrance from Gu Zhou, but what puzzled her was that Gu Zhou still smelled of smoke.

She calmed down and took the phone from Gu Zhou. She looked up at Gu Zhou, a trace of confusion flashing in her eyes.

Had something happened to Gu Zhou? Why was he smoking? He had never smoked in the past.

At the thought of Gu Qi and Xiao Shi's faces, she silently looked away, not daring to meet Gu Zhou's eyes.

Gu Zhou looked at Qiao Nian's face and asked in a low voice, frowning, "You didn't sleep well last night?"

Qiao Nian gripped her phone tightly, trying hard to suppress the uneasiness and pain in her heart. She continued, "Yes, after I came back last night, I wasn't sleepy anymore so I didn't want to sleep anymore."

Seeing the dark circles under Qiao Nian's eyes, Gu Zhou bent down and picked her up in his arms.

Just like that, Qiao Nian's shoes fell to the ground. She let out a cry of surprise and subconsciously wrapped her arms around Gu Zhou's neck. "W-What are you doing?"

"You should rest well now!" Gu Zhou looked down into Qiao Nian's eyes and said gently.

Qiao Nian's ears turned slightly red. She hurriedly said, "I... I can walk."

However, Gu Zhou didn't speak. He walked to the bed and carefully placed Qiao Nian on it, not forgetting to cover her with the blanket.

Qiao Nian looked at Gu Zhou. His face was like the most perfect masterpiece of God. His eyes were deep, and his nose was high. Any young lady who saw him might fall for him.

948 Sleep!

Gu Zhou looked down at Qiao Nian. Her face was reflected in his pupils, and gentleness gradually appeared in his eyes.

His throat moved uncontrollably. He looked down at Qiao Nian and couldn't help but kiss her forehead.

Qiao Nian's pupils dilated, and her body froze.

His kiss was very gentle, but it instantly brought Qiao Nian back to that night six years ago, which had made her terrified and uneasy.

At that time, she was held tightly in that person's arms. She wanted to struggle and escape, but she couldn't.

Later on, he planted a gentle and light kiss on her forehead. Later on, more and more kisses landed on her eyebrows, eyes, and cheeks...

Qiao Nian's eyes were red. Actually, he probably didn't want to hurt her that night either...

However, he was drugged and couldn't control himself at all.

"Nian'er!"

When Qiao Nian heard Gu Zhou's voice, she came back to her senses and saw him looking at her intently.

"You need to rest. If there's anything, we'll talk after you wake up." Gu Zhou tucked Qiao Nian's hair behind her ear, his eyes a bottomless sea.

Qiao Nian felt that she should be angry when she saw Gu Zhou.

However, Gu Zhou's gentleness made her feel as if she was being doted on. She thought of how Gu Zhou had stood on the tank, waiting for her to come out of Jiang Chi's house.

At that time, she had a feeling that she was not fighting alone. Gu Zhou would always stand behind her and be her strong support.

She watched as Gu Zhou left. When the door closed completely, she closed her eyes.

She was the eldest daughter of the Lu family, and she was also engaged to Gu Zhou. If nothing had happened back then, she and Gu Zhou would have lived happily together long ago.

In a daze, Qiao Nian fell asleep.

After Gu Zhou walked out of the room, he stood outside the door.

The gentleness in his eyes gradually disappeared, replaced by coldness.

His body emitted a cold aura as he walked out coldly. When the servants in the corridor saw Gu Zhou, they were so frightened that they did not dare to breathe. They lowered their heads and stood aside to make way.

Gu Zhou placed his right hand in his pocket and walked down the stairs. When he reached the first floor, he saw Chen Qing standing there.

When Chen Qing saw Gu Zhou come down, he shrank back in fear.

“Have you caught him?” Gu Zhou asked coldly.

When Chen Qing heard Gu Zhou’s voice, he felt an ice blade hanging over his head. His life was in danger.

Chen Qing lowered his head even more and said, “I was a step too late when I arrived. He had already escaped, but I’ve already gotten someone to continue investigating his whereabouts. There’ll probably be news soon!”

Gu Zhou narrowed his phoenix-like eyes, a cold glint flashing in them. He said calmly, “We’ll settle this score with Qiao Xin first.”

Gu Zhou’s voice was very calm, but the meaning behind his words was very ferocious.

Chen Qing had been by Gu Zhou’s side for a long time. He said fawningly, “Yes!”

Qiao Xin was simply brainless. How dare she provoke Second Young Madam? She must have had nothing better to do!

She deserved it!

Someone as vicious as Qiao Xin should have been dealt with long ago. They shouldn’t have let her be smug for so long!

This time, Second Young Master was really planning to deal with Qiao Xin. Qiao Xin would probably never make a comeback for the rest of her life!

Chen Qing had already sent someone to keep an eye on Qiao Xin, so he said, “Qiao Xin is in the hospital. We...”

Gu Zhou’s eyes turned cold. His thin lips parted slightly. “To the hospital.”

“Yes!”

With that, Chen Qing turned around and walked out. When he walked into the courtyard and felt the sunlight, he heaved a sigh of relief.

The pressure had finally lessened!

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At the hospital.

Qiao Xin took the medicine absent-mindedly, then took a sip of water. After swallowing all the pills, she looked at Qiao Shan uneasily and asked carefully, "Dad, do you think Qiao Nian will visit Grandma's grave?"

Qiao Shan frowned and said nothing.

Qiao Xin continued, "For Grandma's sake, Qiao Nian will probably forgive me!"

However, before Qiao Shan could speak, the door of the ward was kicked open.

Bang!

There were still many people in the corridor of the ward. When everyone saw that someone had kicked the ward door open, their expressions changed.

Six people in black suits chased everyone else away from the corridor.

Qiao Shan and Qiao Yu looked at the two people at the door and were both stunned.

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Gu Zhou strode in, his expression dark. His voice was like that of a demon from hell as he said, "If there's something, ask me directly!"

Qiao Xin was so frightened that her face turned pale. Her heart was about to jump out of her mouth. She had even forgotten to breathe.

Qiao Shan hurriedly stood up and straightened his clothes. He looked at Gu Zhou respectfully and said, "Master Gu, welcome. I..."

"Get lost!" Gu Zhou had no patience with Qiao Shan at all. He couldn't even be bothered to give Qiao Shan a glance. He suppressed his anger.

That cold and murderous aura assaulted Qiao Shan's face. His heart instantly jumped to his throat, and a chill ran down his spine.

Qiao Shan had heard of Gu Zhou's ruthless methods in the past. Seeing the current Gu Zhou, he roughly understood that Gu Zhou had a murderous aura.

He was very afraid.

But if he left, Qiao Xin would be the only one facing Gu Zhou's murderous aura.

After a shudder, Qiao Shan felt that he couldn't leave Qiao Xin alone. He mustered his courage and said sincerely, "Master Gu, Qiao Xin is still a child. She really knows her mistake. Our family is also thinking of making it up to Qiao Nian. No matter what, I'm still her father!"

Gu Zhou's expression instantly turned cold. Without hesitation, he kicked Qiao Shan in the stomach.

Qiao Shan staggered two steps back in pain. He clutched his stomach, cold sweat breaking out on his forehead. His face was pale, and he was in so much pain that he couldn't speak.

"Are you worthy?" Gu Zhou gave Qiao Shan a cold look, then his gaze fell on Qiao Xin, who was not far away.

"Dad!" Qiao Xin cried out in shock. She hurriedly got down with her walking stick and walked towards Qiao Shan.

Chen Qing walked up to Qiao Xin coldly and tripped her over.

Qiao Xin fell to the ground, crying out in pain.



Qiao Shan looked at Qiao Xin worriedly. He wanted to go over and help Qiao Xin up, but Chen Qing kicked him to the ground, causing him to fall to his knees.

The pain in Qiao Shan's stomach lessened a lot. He had never been humiliated like this before. He looked at Chen Qing behind him angrily. "Let go of me!"

His eyes were red with anger. If looks could kill, Chen Qing would have died a million times over.

"Dad!" Qiao Xin knelt on the ground and looked at Qiao Shan worriedly.

In Qiao Xin's impression, Qiao Shan would always be a tall and imposing father.

This was the first time Qiao Xin had seen her father in such a sorry state. Her body trembled uncontrollably, and fear gradually welled up in her heart.

She was in trouble!

Not only that, but her father had suffered greatly because of her.

"Second Young Master, please let my father off. My father doesn't know anything. It's all my fault. Please let him off!" Qiao Xin looked at Gu Zhou with tears streaming down her face, begging for his forgiveness.

Gu Zhou stood there coldly, unmoved.

Seeing his daughter begging for mercy for him, Qiao Shan's heart instantly softened. He hurriedly said, "Qiao Xin, don't move. Your leg is still injured!"

At the thought that he had found out about Second Young Madam's past and recalled the despicable things the Qiao family had done, Chen Qing's expression instantly darkened.

Their family cared about each other, but they only knew how to bully Second Young Madam.

With this thought in mind, Chen Qing dislocated Qiao Shan's arm. With a crack, Qiao Shan's right arm was dislocated.

Qiao Shan's face contorted in pain. He frowned, not daring to make a sound. He was worried that Qiao Xin would be concerned about him.

"Dad!" Qiao Xin looked at Qiao Shan with heartache and her tears fell uncontrollably. She struggled to crawl up to Qiao Shan. However, she had pulled on the wound on her leg and it hurt so much that she cried out in pain.

Seeing this, Qiao Shan looked at Qiao Xin with heartache. Suppressing the pain, he comforted her. "Don't move. I-I'm fine!"

Seeing that Qiao Shan was speaking, Chen Qing pinched his collarbone hard, forcing him to kneel on the spot obediently.

Qiao Xin hated herself for hurting her leg. She looked at Gu Zhou with red-rimmed eyes and said furiously, "Gu Zhou, come at me if you're angry. I'll take responsibility for my own actions. Don't implicate my father!"

"Is that so?" Gu Zhou pulled a chair over and sat down elegantly. He crossed his right leg over the seat and raised his eyebrows slightly.

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For some reason, Qiao Xin had a bad feeling about this. But now, she had no way out. She couldn't just watch as her father suffered because of her.

Qiao Xin's tears fell. When she cried, she looked like a weeping beauty.

But no one present admired the beautiful sight of Qiao Xin crying.

"Yes," Qiao Xin said tearfully.

After receiving Qiao Xin's accurate answer, Gu Zhou smiled and continued, "Sure!"

Gu Zhou threw the baseball bat in his hand between Qiao Xin and Qiao Shan and said lightly, "You just said that if you're willing to bear the consequences alone, then I'll let you off if you break one of your legs with the baseball bat!"

Qiao Xin was so shocked that her eyes were about to pop out of her head. "You're asking me to harm myself!"

"Otherwise, whoever manages to snatch the baseball bat can break one of the other party's legs. As long as one of you has a broken leg, I'll let you off."

"How can that be?" As Qiao Xin spoke, she obediently took the baseball bat.

Gu Zhou raised his eyebrows slightly and said with interest, "Since you've got the baseball bat, choose one of the two. Break your leg or your father's."

"No, I won't choose any of them!" Qiao Xin gripped the baseball bat in her hand tightly. The reason why she was holding the baseball bat was because she didn't want Qiao Shan to have the chance to smash her leg.

"I'll give you a minute to choose now." Gu Zhou took out his phone and began to count down. He saw Qiao Xin hugging the baseball bat and crying. "There's still fifty seconds."

Qiao Shan looked at Qiao Xin worriedly. He looked at Qiao Xin's injured leg. If Qiao Xin's leg was broken, Qiao Xin's life would be ruined. She would no longer be able to walk in front of outsiders. She would have to sit in a wheelchair.

He was getting old. Why not him?

At the thought that he would never be able to walk again, Qiao Shan broke out in a cold sweat. He gave Qiao Xin a pleading look.

Perhaps as long as Qiao Xin begged Gu Zhou, his heart would soften.

However, Qiao Xin's mind was filled with thoughts of her father losing a leg. If her father really couldn't walk in the future, how much would he suffer?

No, she could not let her father lose his leg.

Qiao Xin had never thought of breaking her own leg.

"No, no, I can't choose." Holding the baseball bat, Qiao Xin looked at Gu Zhou in tears and begged pitifully, "Second Young Master, everything in the past was my fault. I beg you to let us go. I've really changed. I won't hurt Sister again. Sister dotes on me so much..."

"So, you want to break your own legs?" Gu Zhou didn't take Qiao Xin's pleading words to heart at all.

"Sister will never let you break our legs. Second Young Master, Sister..."

"Shut up!" Gu Zhou's eyes turned cold, and a trace of displeasure flashed in them. "She's not a member of the Qiao family. Don't call her Sister!"

With that, Gu Zhou glanced at the time on his phone. There were still twenty seconds. "If you can't bear to break your legs, Chen Qing can help you!"

Qiao Xin hugged the bat in her hand and cried until she was out of breath. Her eyes were swollen.

"Three!" Gu Zhou looked at the time on his phone and counted down coldly.

Qiao Xin crawled to Gu Zhou's side on her knees, but Gu Zhou kicked her away.

Gu Zhou counted down. "Two!"

Qiao Xin's heart was about to jump out of her mouth. She turned to look at Qiao Shan, clenching the baseball bat in her hand.

Seeing Qiao Xin like this, Qiao Shan knew that Qiao Xin had chosen him. When he thought about how a girl like Qiao Xin might not be able to get married in the future if she lost her legs, he felt terrible. Just as he was about to ask Qiao Xin to choose him, he saw Qiao Xin raise the baseball bat in her hand.

“One!”

When Gu Zhou’s countdown ended, Qiao Xin closed her eyes and smashed the baseball bat at Qiao Shan’s leg.

Qiao Shan was stunned. He looked at Qiao Xin in disbelief.

Qiao Xin was his most precious daughter. Of course he was willing to give up everything for her.

But Qiao Xin really didn’t hesitate to raise the baseball bat and smash it against his leg.