

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

951 Sowing Discord

“Ah!” Qiao Shan screamed in pain. The pain in his leg couldn’t compare to the pain in his heart.

After smashing the baseball bat, Qiao Xin threw it down and looked at Qiao Shan in tears. She kowtowed hard. “Dad, I’m sorry. I’m sorry. I didn’t do it on purpose. I really didn’t do it on purpose!”

Qiao Shan’s heart was like dead ashes.

“I’m still young. I’m more valuable. I still have to get married in the future. If I lose a leg now, it’ll be a huge loss for the Qiao family. I’ll also drag the Qiao family down!”

A tear slowly fell from Qiao Shan’s eye.

He knew that Qiao Xin was right, but his heart still ached. The daughter he had painstakingly raised had broken his leg with her own hands!

“Dad, please let me go. You’ve already begun to retire. It’s fine for you to be in a wheelchair for the rest of your life. Don’t worry, I’ll definitely take good care of you in the future. Dad, don’t be angry with me. Don’t blame me, okay?” Qiao Xin said tearfully, her heart choked with emotion.

When Qiao Shan heard Qiao Xin’s words, he was shocked.

Although Qiao Xin’s words made sense, he was still very disappointed in her.

His heart ached for Qiao Xin, but what about her?

She seemed to care more about herself.

Gu Zhou sat on a chair. Seeing such an exciting scene, he smiled and said, “Miss Qiao Xin is so filial. There hasn’t been anyone as filial as you since ancient times!”

Qiao Xin looked at Gu Zhou in fear. She wanted to explain something, but she didn't know what to say.

She didn't dare to speak, worried that she would make more mistakes.

Gu Zhou sat on the spot and continued, "I want a comminuted fracture. You just hit him once. It's impossible to break his leg bone. Hit him a few more times!"

Qiao Xin had initially felt guilty for hitting Qiao Shan's leg. Now, she was no longer willing to pick up the baseball bat.

"Chen Qing, break Qiao Xin's legs!" Gu Zhou stood up and said impatiently.

Chen Qing picked up the stick and was about to hit Qiao Xin's leg when Qiao Xin hugged Chen Qing's thigh and cried, "Hit... hit my father!"

Chen Qing received a nod from Gu Zhou. He picked up the stick and hit Qiao Shan's leg cleanly.

Crack. The sound of breaking bones.

"Ah!"

Qiao Shan's face turned pale from the pain, and his forehead was covered in cold sweat. He fell to the ground, unable to move.

"Dad!" Qiao Xin cried, looking at Qiao Shan with heartache.

Qiao Shan was in so much pain that he couldn't speak. Lying on the ground, he panted heavily.

Tears streamed down Qiao Xin's face. She stared in horror at Qiao Shan's legs, at the white floor that was stained red with blood. Her mind went blank.

Gu Zhou walked towards Qiao Shan.

Qiao Shan had been lying on the ground. When he saw Gu Zhou walking over, his body trembled uncontrollably, as if he had seen the Grim Reaper.

With great effort, Qiao Xin crawled up to Gu Zhou and placed Qiao Shan behind her. She cried, "Second Young Master, I beg you... stop hitting him. My father can't take it!"

"Why don't you bear his pain?" Gu Zhou looked down at Qiao Xin and sneered, his eyes dark.

Qiao Xin swayed on the spot, but she couldn't fall yet. Her eyes darted around.

Gu Zhou had done all of this to avenge Qiao Nian, and also because he liked Qiao Nian.

However, no man could tolerate his woman having sex with an old man. No man could accept that his woman had once given birth!

Qiao Xin knew that the only thing she could do now was to divert Gu Zhou's attention from them to Qiao Nian.

"Second Young Master, I think there's something my sister hasn't told you." Qiao Xin's eyes were red-rimmed. She didn't dare to look at Gu Zhou's face and continued, "Six years ago, my sister slept with an old man for 100,000 yuan!"

The air instantly turned cold.

Qiao Xin didn't hear Gu Zhou speak for a long time. She carefully looked up and met Gu Zhou's bottomless eyes.

She felt that Gu Zhou must be angry!

"I don't think there should be any secrets between husband and wife when you're with Sister," Qiao Xin said timidly.

952 Deep Father-Daughter Relationship!

Qiao Xin's heart was already in turmoil. She didn't believe that Gu Zhou wouldn't be angry because of Qiao Nian's previous relationship with an old man.

She did not get an answer from Gu Zhou. Looking at his angry face, her lips curved up imperceptibly. It seemed that Gu Zhou was already angry. The rest would be easy to handle.

Qiao Xin sighed slightly and said, "Back then, Sister wanted that 100,000 yuan to buy limited edition sneakers for the person she had a crush on. At that time, she wanted to borrow money from me, but I didn't have much money. I never expected Sister to make..."

Alright, there was no need for her to say the rest. She believed that Gu Zhou had already imagined the rest.

Gu Zhou sneered and asked, "Really?"

Qiao Xin was secretly overjoyed. Gu Zhou really believed her!

Then the rest would be easy!

She looked up at Gu Zhou and nodded seriously. "Yes."

"Six years ago, you schemed against her and made her drink the drink you had drugged. You even deliberately sent her to another man's room." Gu Zhou paused and asked, "Are you sure she took the initiative?"

The blood drained from Qiao Xin's face. She asked involuntarily, "How did you know?"

After asking, Qiao Xin felt that she had asked a very silly question.

Gu Zhou must have found out about what happened six years ago.

Gu Zhou actually didn't care about being made a cuckold.

"As the person involved, how can I not know?" Gu Zhou said casually.

Qiao Xin's eyes widened in disbelief.

How was this possible?

She had clearly found an old man that night. That old man had even asked her for money after the incident. How did it suddenly become Gu Zhou?

How could Qiao Nian be so lucky?

A b*tch like Qiao Nian should be with an old man.

Qiao Nian was pretending to be very beautiful, but in reality, she was very dirty. When she saw Qiao Nian, it was as if she had seen something dirty. She felt so disgusted that she wanted to throw up.

Qiao Xin couldn't understand. Someone actually liked such a dirty person like Qiao Nian, and that person was Gu Zhou!

How was this fair?!

She was so outstanding. She had been a good child since she was young. Why didn't Gu Zhou like her?

Suppressing the mess in her mind, Qiao Xin looked up at Gu Zhou.

If the person who had spent that night with Gu Zhou was Gu Zhou, wouldn't she be slandering Qiao Nian in front of Gu Zhou again?

At this moment, Gu Zhou was looking at her sinisterly. Qiao Xin couldn't help but shiver. She had a bad feeling about this.

Seeing that Qiao Xin still knew how to run up to him to protect him, Qiao Shan was slightly touched.

No matter what, Qiao Xin was still his daughter. As a parent, how could he not care about his daughter's safety?

Qiao Shan panted heavily, trying hard to ignore the pain in his leg and his impending death. He said, "Qiao Xin, go to the side. Dad will be fine!"

When Qiao Xin heard Qiao Shan's voice, her tears fell. She turned back to look at Qiao Shan, her eyes filled with worry and guilt.

She was unfilial. She had caused her father to lose a leg.

No!

She didn't do it!

If it weren't for Qiao Nian, why would Gu Zhou cause trouble for them?

It was all Qiao Nian's fault!

She had to make Qiao Nian pay with her life in the future.

Qiao Xin also knew that she couldn't face Gu Zhou directly now. Silently, she moved to the side.

In any case, one of her father's legs was crippled. No matter what Gu Zhou did, she would let her father bear it first. In the future, she would be filial to her father!

"You two sure have a deep father-daughter relationship. I wonder how outsiders think of Qiao Xin when they find out that Qiao Xin broke her biological father's leg with a stick." Gu Zhou's eyes were cold as he said casually, "Qiao Shan, I'm curious if you'll always protect Qiao Xin!"

Qiao Shan had wanted to help Qiao Xin withstand Gu Zhou's anger. When he heard Gu Zhou's words, his face instantly turned pale. The pain from Qiao Xin hitting his leg instantly surged.

That pain seemed to be a thousand times worse than physical pain.

Qiao Xin looked at Qiao Shan, who looked as if he had been struck by lightning. She knew that she had gone too far just now, but after weighing the pros and cons, she decided that what she had done back then was the best for the Qiao family.

953 Qiao Xin Killed Her Father

“Dad!” Qiao Xin cried, looking at Qiao Shan worriedly. “Dad, I’m sorry, I’m sorry. It’s all my fault. I couldn’t protect you well!”

“Today’s trending topic should be Qiao Xin killing her father!” Gu Zhou said the most vicious words in a relaxed manner.

Those words hit Qiao Shan’s heart, which was pretending to be calm. Qiao Shan’s face turned pale, and he couldn’t help but faint.

Qiao Shan fainted from anger.

Seeing Qiao Shan like this, Qiao Xin pounced on him sadly. Seeing that there was more and more blood on the ground beside Qiao Shan’s leg, her mind went blank.

Could Dad be dead?

No, no!

Qiao Xin recalled how Qiao Shan had carried her to the amusement park when she was young. She recalled how Qiao Shan would always put her favorite dishes into her bowl. She also recalled how Qiao Shan had asked her to sit on his shoulders and watch a concert.

Later on, when she went to school, Qiao Shan was concerned about how she was doing in school every day. He was concerned if she would be bullied. He would even give her money to buy things she liked and teach her about the business world.

She had always felt that she was more outstanding than other girls her age because her father had brought her around to see the world. Other girls did not receive such treatment at all.

Her most respected father was now lying on the ground because of her. She was really unfilial.

“Dad, I’m sorry. Dad, wake up!” Tears streamed down Qiao Xin’s face as she threw herself into Qiao Shan’s arms. She regretted her choice just now. She shouldn’t have made her father suffer so much.

Gu Zhou glanced at Qiao Shan's leg and realized that it was almost crippled. He said, "Get a doctor over. Don't let him die!"

Only then did Qiao Xin realize that she still didn't know if Qiao Shan was dead or alive. Trembling, she placed her finger under Qiao Shan's nose. Sensing that Qiao Shan was still breathing weakly, she heaved a sigh of relief.

Qiao Xin's eyes burned with anger. At this moment, she had already forgotten Gu Zhou's identity. She only knew that Gu Zhou was the person who had harmed her father.

Her kinship with her father had already overcome her fear of Gu Zhou. She gritted her teeth and said, "I'm going to call the police. I'm going to sue you. You're committing the crime of intentional injury. You're bullying my father!"

When Gu Zhou heard Qiao Xin's words, he said nonchalantly, "Go ahead and sue me. I wonder how many years you'll get for getting someone to rape a young girl!"

When Qiao Xin heard Gu Zhou's words, her lips turned pale. She couldn't help but tremble.

Only then did she remember who Gu Zhou was.

In An City, the Gu family was a royal family.

Gu Zhou was like the high and mighty emperor. No one could compare to him.

Chen Qing stood at the side and said calmly, "Miss Qiao, you were the one who hit your father's leg first. I was just trying to stop the fight and accidentally injured your father's leg. I'll go find a doctor now and help treat your father's leg. My attitude is very upright. As for the medical fees, I think Miss Qiao will pay the bulk, and I'll pay a small portion!"

Qiao Xin's eyes widened. She had never expected this to happen to her.

“You... you’ve gone too far!” Qiao Xin had never seen anyone so brazen. They were clearly the ones who had forced her to hit her father’s leg, yet they could still bite her again.

Only then did Qiao Xin realize that Gu Zhou had come prepared. Moreover, he had already thought of a way to escape unscathed.

With just a few casual words from Gu Zhou, her father might become disabled.

Gu Zhou knew that she would not call the police. If she did, the news of her getting someone to rape her sister six years ago and her getting someone to gang-rape her sister last night would be reported.

“Are... are you forcing us to our deaths?” Qiao Xin glared at Gu Zhou with red-rimmed eyes, gritting her teeth.

Gu Zhou turned to look at Qiao Xin, his eyes as cold as ice. He quickly looked away, as if he despised Qiao Xin’s filth. “If that’s what you think, fine. When do you plan to die?”

Qiao Xin was speechless.

Gu Zhou glanced at Qiao Shan’s leg and said to Chen Qing, “Check it. If it’s not broken, he doesn’t need a leg anymore.”

“Yes!” Chen Qing said.

Gu Zhou turned around and walked out.

954 Protecting His Wife

Chen Qing looked at Gu Zhou’s back in admiration.

Wow!

Second Young Master was indeed handsome!

Second Young Master was really protective of his wife!

There was probably no man in the world who could compare to Second Young Master!

After Gu Zhou left, Chen Qing invited the doctor in.

The doctor had also heard about the commotion in this ward. When he saw Qiao Shan lying in a pool of blood with his own eyes, he was so frightened that his face turned pale.

He carefully examined Qiao Shan's leg, then said to Qiao Xin and Chen Qing, "The patient's injuries are very serious. He needs to undergo surgery to amputate his leg immediately."

When Qiao Xin heard Qiao Shan's words, she was stunned. Her face turned pale in fear, and tears fell from her eyes. Her mind was in a mess.

What should he do?

His father would lose a leg in the future!

The doctor hurriedly went out to get the nurses to prepare to move the bed, planning to bring Qiao Shan directly to the operating theater.

After getting the results Second Young Master wanted, Chen Qing left the hospital.

When Su Xue and Qiao Yu returned from outside the hospital, they saw many people gathered around their ward from afar. They could vaguely hear Qiao Xin crying.

Su Xue was slightly stunned. Thinking that something had happened to Qiao Xin again, she hurriedly rushed in. Just as she entered, she saw Qiao Xin sitting on the ground, crying. There was a lot of blood on her, and Qiao Shan was lying beside her.

Oh my god!

What had happened?

Su Xue slowed down, feeling that there was something wrong with her eyes.

After Qiao Yu walked in, he closed the door of the ward. Looking at the unconscious Qiao Shan, he frowned and asked, "What's wrong with Dad?"

When Qiao Xin saw that Su Xue and Qiao Yu had returned, the grievance in her heart exploded in an instant. She cried, "It's Gu Zhou. Gu Zhou has gone crazy. He broke Dad's leg!"

"Gu Zhou?" Qiao Yu frowned slightly.

Qiao Xin told him everything about Gu Zhou's visit, tears streaming down her face.

Su Xue's heart ached for Qiao Xin. She hugged her and coaxed softly, "It's okay, it's okay. Don't be afraid!"

Qiao Yu's expression darkened. He asked coldly, "Back then, in order to protect your leg, you took the initiative to hit Father's leg?"

Qiao Xin's actions stunned Qiao Yu.

At the thought of this, Qiao Xin felt terrible. She cried even harder. "I was forced. I had no choice. I... Ah!"

Bam!

Qiao Yu raised his hand and slapped Qiao Xin's face hard. His eyes were filled with burning anger as he glared at Qiao Xin angrily. Gritting his teeth, he said, "You're worse than a beast!"

Qiao Xin was stunned again. She looked at Qiao Yu in surprise and muttered, "Brother, this... this is the second time you've hit me!"

Qiao Yu was so angry that his temples were throbbing. He raised his hand to hit her again, but Su Xue stopped him.

Su Xue grabbed Qiao Yu's hand and said earnestly, "Qiao Yu, your sister might be injured too. Hurry up and call the doctor over!"

Was Qiao Xin injured too?

Qiao Yu's eyes were filled with disappointment. He looked at Su Xue in front of him and felt extremely sad. He asked, "Mom, do you plan to always protect her?"

"What else?" Su Xue was also so anxious that her eyes were red. She asked, "She's still young. She still has most of her life to live. How can you bear to let her be a cripple?"

"She might as well be crippled!"

Su Xue's eyes widened. She said angrily, "What nonsense are you spouting? Your father has already become a cripple. Why? Do you want your sister to be in a wheelchair at such a young age and be unable to take care of herself for the rest of her life?"

Qiao Xin's eyes were red-rimmed. She sniffled and said pitifully, "Brother, I already know my mistake. If Gu Zhou hadn't gone too far, Dad wouldn't have become like this. It's all Gu Zhou's fault!"

Initially, Qiao Yu didn't want to speak, but when he heard Qiao Xin's words, his gaze fell on her face. He questioned coldly, "Why did you let Dad bear the consequences of your mistake? What did he do wrong?"

Qiao Yu's words rendered Su Xue and Qiao Xin speechless.

At this moment, there was a knock on the door of the ward. Qiao Yu had locked the door because he didn't want anyone to watch the commotion.

He gave Qiao Xin a cold look, then turned and walked towards the door.

955 I'm Scared

The doctor and nurse pushed the hospital bed in from outside. Together, they worked hard to get Qiao Shan onto the bed. Then, they pushed the hospital bed towards the operating theater.

Qiao Yu turned around and glanced at Su Xue and Qiao Xin, who were still standing there. It was as if this was the first time he had seen them. He retracted his gaze and followed the doctor without hesitation.

Su Xue and Qiao Xin were left alone in the ward.

Qiao Xin recalled Qiao Yu's departing gaze and couldn't help but shiver. Her heart was in a mess, and she gripped Su Xue's hand tightly in fear. She asked, "Mom, do you think Dad's leg will recover?"

Su Xue's heart was also in a mess. She gently patted Qiao Xin's hand and comforted her. "Don't worry, it'll be fine. You have to take good care of yourself now. Mom will be here for everything else. Be good!"

Hearing Su Xue's words, Qiao Xin's eyes turned red.

She had always been Qiao Shan's pride, but what she had done today had disappointed her father. Perhaps her father would bear a grudge against her in the future.

"Mom, I'm scared." Qiao Xin looked at Su Xue in pain and unease.

"It's fine. It's in the past. Don't worry." Su Xue comforted her gently. Seeing that Qiao Xin was still terrified, she said, "Your father dotes on you the most. How can he blame you?"

"Will dad really not blame me?" Qiao Xin looked at Su Xue with teary eyes, her voice trembling. "It was me. I hit him the first time. I didn't use much strength. I just wanted to put on an act..."

Seeing Qiao Xin's terrified expression, Su Xue pulled Qiao Xin into her arms and gently patted her back. "As parents, we care about our children the most. As long as our children are fine, we can do anything. Your father definitely won't be angry with you, nor will he blame you. He just wants you to live a better life!"

Qiao Xin sniffled. At that time, she really had no other choice.

Letting her father become disabled was the best choice.

Moreover, she would take good care of her father in the future to make up for her mistake today.

Hearing Qiao Xin's aggrieved cries, Su Xue continued, "Even if I were the one here today, I would still choose to do the same. I would rather suffer myself than let you suffer because you're our most precious child."

Qiao Xin pushed Su Xue away and asked uneasily, "Really?"

Qiao Xin still remembered when Chen Qing had hit Qiao Shan's leg. At that time, her father had looked at her with not only shock and astonishment, but also sadness...

Why had her father looked at her back then?

Qiao Xin was still trying to recall what had just happened when Su Xue gripped her hand tightly, interrupting her thoughts.

"Don't worry, I'll take good care of your father and put in a good word for you. When that happens, you'll be fine!" Su Xue said gently.

Qiao Xin thought about it and agreed. Her father liked her a lot. He definitely couldn't bear for her to suffer.

However, something was wrong with her brother's appearance when he walked out just now.

Qiao Xin looked up at Su Xue and asked carefully, "Mom, I think Brother is different from before. He seems to hate me very much now. I..."

"You're biological siblings. There's no overnight feud between siblings. Besides, it's not like you don't know how much your brother usually dotes on you. He's just angry now. When he stops being angry, it'll be fine."

When Qiao Xin heard Su Xue's words, she nodded in agreement.

Her brother had doted on her for more than twenty years. How could he not like her in an instant?

Seeing that Qiao Xin had calmed down, Su Xue recalled Qiao Shan, who had just been taken away. She frowned and said, "Alright, rest well now. Your father is in the operating theater now. I have to go and watch over him."

"Yes." Qiao Xin nodded.

Su Xue helped Qiao Xin onto the bed and covered her with the blanket before turning to walk out.

When Su Xue turned around, her expression instantly changed, and she felt uneasy.

Just now, Qiao Xin had told her what had happened. When she heard Qiao Xin hit Qiao Shan's leg with a baseball bat, her heart turned cold.

What if she was the one there?

Would Qiao Xin hit her leg without hesitation and ask Gu Zhou to cripple it?

956 Her Heart Was Cold

She didn't dare to ask Qiao Xin either, afraid that Qiao Xin would make the same choice and break her leg.

Her daughter had actually done such a thing.

Su Xue's heart turned cold.

However, when she thought about how if it really was her and she was asked to make own choice, she would definitely be willing to sacrifice herself to make Qiao Xin's life better. After all, Qiao Xin was her daughter.

Su Xue rushed to the door of the operating theater and saw Qiao Yu standing guard at the door, frowning.

After some thought, she walked over to Qiao Yu and asked in a low voice, "What did the doctor say?"

Qiao Yu looked up at Su Xue. Instead of answering her directly, he asked, "Mom, do you think Qiao Xin did the right thing?"

Su Xue met Qiao Yu's cold eyes and was stunned.

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At the Gu family villa.

Gu Zhou got out of the car and walked in. When he thought of how Qiao Nian had almost been bullied last night, he felt especially uncomfortable. He entered the house and walked upstairs.

Gu Qi and Xiao Shi were sitting at the dining table. When they heard the commotion, they craned their necks to look at the footsteps outside.

Matriarch Gu came out of the kitchen. Seeing the two of them leaning against the dining room door, she smiled and asked, "What are the two of you looking at?"

Gu Qi turned to look at Matriarch Gu and smiled.

Xiao Shi walked over to Matriarch Gu and looked up at her. With a serious expression, she said, "Great-grandmother, Daddy went upstairs to look for Mommy just now!"

When Matriarch Gu heard Xiao Shi's words, a sweet smile appeared on her face. "You guys are really smart!"

Gu Zhou walked to the bedroom door. He had just placed his hand on the handle when he recalled how he had seen Qiao Nian before leaving the Gu family. His heart couldn't help but ache.

Qiao Nian must have not slept all night. She must have been under a lot of pressure.

He gently pushed the door open and walked in, his footsteps involuntarily lightening.

His gaze landed gently on Qiao Nian's sleeping face. Seeing Qiao Nian frown slightly, he realized that Qiao Nian might still be trapped in a nightmare.

Gu Zhou was right. Qiao Nian was indeed trapped in a nightmare.

In her dream, she returned to that night six years ago.

The room was very dark.

She was pressed onto the bed by the man.

The man's hands were as heavy as gold, pressing her down so tightly that she couldn't move at all.

Fear wrapped around her like a vine. She was terrified, but all she could do was moan.

She knew in her heart that the man was already trying his best to restrain himself. He was already treating her very gently. She was the one who was afraid. She was afraid of everything around her.

At that time, she was like a boat floating on the sea, rising and falling, completely unable to control herself.

Later on, she seemed to be immersed in the sea and could barely breathe.

At this moment, a beam of light seemed to appear behind her, dispelling the surrounding seawater.

Her body kept rising, as if she was standing on clouds.

The gentle sunlight shone on her, warming her up.

"Nian'er..."

Who was speaking? Why was this voice so gentle?

"Don't be afraid..."

Qiao Nian's heart suddenly began to race.

"I'll protect you forever. I won't let you be hurt. We'll take care of our children together!"

The man's voice was low and gentle.

Qiao Nian felt more and more comfortable. At this moment, she felt an itch in her ear and couldn't help but open her eyes.

"I'm sorry!"

When she opened her eyes, she noticed that someone was hugging her from behind.

Qiao Nian subconsciously wanted to shake off the person behind her, but when she noticed the jade pendant on the man's hand, she stopped.

Gu Zhou?

Seeing that Qiao Nian had woken up, Gu Zhou tightened his grip and hugged her tightly. He asked gently, "Did you have a nightmare just now?"

Qiao Nian could tell from Gu Zhou's voice that he was concerned. She nodded casually and recalled what she had heard in her dream.

Had Gu Zhou said that just now?

However, why did Gu Zhou apologize to her?

Could it be that Gu Zhou knew something?

Qiao Nian couldn't ask Gu Zhou directly, but she was afraid that she would alert the enemy. She asked in a low voice, "When did you come back?"

957 Are you hungry?

When Gu Zhou heard Qiao Nian's voice, his heart ached for her. He moved slightly closer to her and buried his head in her neck.

Smelling the fragrance of Qiao Nian's hair, Gu Zhou's heart ached. "I just arrived."

Sensing Gu Zhou's small actions, Qiao Nian's body stiffened slightly. She tried hard to remain calm. Gu Zhou's voice was different from the one she had heard in her dream. Gu Zhou probably didn't speak to her.

However, when she woke up, she heard Gu Zhou apologize.

Qiao Nian's heart seemed to have been struck by something. Her eyes were a little hot.

Actually, all these years, she didn't want that person to marry her. She wanted that person to apologize to her.

She could understand that man. That man had no choice.

Although the man was drugged at that time, he already controlled himself to the best of his ability and was very gentle to her.

However, after she woke up that day, the man had disappeared.

She used all her strength but could not find that man. That man seemed to have appeared out of thin air.

Hence, at that time, she was very angry. She yearned to kill that man.

If it weren't for that man, how could her life be so tainted?

However, the dream just now had also reminded her of many things.

She recalled her pregnancy.

When she first realized that she was pregnant, her first reaction was to hate the child in her stomach, because the child in her stomach was a stain on her life.

If the child was born, this stain on her life would never be cleared.

Hence, she did not want to give birth.

However, Qiao Nian knew very well that her physique wasn't good. If she underwent an abortion this time, she might never be able to get pregnant again.

Qiao Nian thought for a long time. In the end, she decided to give birth.

She was not a gambler. She liked a stable life.

Moreover, the child in her stomach was innocent. She was strong enough to raise her children and let them receive a better education.

She had not expected so many things to happen after that. After going around in circles, she found out who that man was back then because of her children.

She had always wanted to find out who that man was, but she hadn't expected him to hide what had happened that night in order to protect her.

She and Gu Zhou were both right.

They all wanted to protect her.

Gu Zhou looked at Qiao Nian in front of him. Although he was hugging her, he felt that she was very far away.

He held Qiao Nian's hand tightly and asked softly, "Are you hungry?"

Qiao Nian retracted her thoughts and turned her head slightly. "A little!"

Gu Zhou let go of Qiao Nian and sat up. He looked at Qiao Nian. "Then wash up. We'll go out to eat!"

Qiao Nian didn't think too much about it and stood up.

She packed up very quickly. She was naturally beautiful.

She and Gu Zhou walked downstairs. Neither of them noticed the people in the dining room.

At this moment, in the dining room, Gu Qi and Xiao Shi were staring unblinkingly in the direction Gu Zhou and Qiao Nian had left in. Their eyes were filled with stars.

Matriarch Gu sat at the side, a gentle smile on her face. She looked at Qiao Nian worriedly, hoping that Qiao Nian would stay in the Gu family.

Matriarch Gu did not know the details yet. She vaguely knew that Gu Zhou had left the twins behind that night.

She had always thought that Qiao Nian would despise Gu Zhou for having twins.

The servant came out with the food and happened to see Gu Zhou and Qiao Nian leaving. Just as she was about to call for them, Gu Qi and Xiao Shi each grabbed her arm.

“Auntie Wang, I’m starving. Can you help me bring the rice over?” Xiao Shi said coquettishly.

When the servant heard Xiao Shi’s words, she nodded. “Okay, Young Miss!”

Gu Qi looked at the servant and said, “I want rice too!”

The servant nodded and turned to walk into the kitchen. When she came out again, she realized that Second Young Master and Second Young Madam had already driven away from the Gu family villa through the French windows in the distance.

Only then did the servant realize that Young Miss and Young Master had wanted Second Young Master and Second Young Madam to be alone.

She couldn’t help but laugh. These two children were so adorable!

Qiao Nian sat in the front passenger seat and turned to look out of the window.

The sun was shining brightly outside, and the lake water was sparkling. It shone into her heart. She recalled the dream just now. In the dream, her warm light was pulled out of the deep sea.

She retracted her gaze and looked at Gu Zhou beside her. Gu Zhou was sitting in the driver's seat, driving seriously.

His eyes were as cold as ever, just like the people in the painting. They were delicious.

Qiao Nian couldn't help but swallow. The car stopped at the traffic light.

Caught off guard, she met Gu Zhou's gaze.

Qiao Nian's face turned slightly red. She hurriedly retracted her gaze, pretending to have inadvertently seen Gu Zhou.

"It's normal to look at your husband!"

Qiao Nian was speechless.

This person was too much!

What was so good about her gaze?

Gu Zhou noticed Qiao Nian's embarrassed expression. This was the first time he had seen her like this. He couldn't help but smile. "If you don't think you can see clearly, why don't we park the car at the side so that you can look at me properly?"

Qiao Nian kept staring ahead, ignoring Gu Zhou's teasing. She said, "Alright, alright. The light has turned green. Get ready to drive."

Seeing Qiao Nian's red ears, Gu Zhou gradually retracted his gaze and continued driving.

The car drove forward for a while, then turned into a street.

Qiao Nian was slightly stunned. She had bought the spicy duck neck here previously.

Ah!

At the mention of spicy duck neck, she couldn't help but drool.

She was not a foodie, but in front of spicy duck neck, she had no resistance.

Gu Zhou turned to look at Qiao Nian. Seeing Qiao Nian staring ahead with starry eyes, he knew that he had come to the right place.

He liked to see a different side of Qiao Nian. Qiao Nian looked more vivid like this.

Qiao Nian was like an insatiable kitten, elegant and arrogant.

A few days ago, Qiao Nian had something on her mind, and her eyes were no longer as clear as usual. After that, they were dark and melancholic.

At that time, he still didn't know what had caused Qiao Nian to become like this. Now, he was completely clear.

In the past, he had realized that Qiao Nian liked to eat this restaurant's spicy duck neck. He had asked Chen Qing to instruct the boss to send spicy duck neck to the Gu family villa every day.

However, the good times did not last long. Gu Zhou heard that this spicy duck neck restaurant had closed.

Later on, he asked Chen Qing to buy duck neck from other shops. He had eaten it a few times, but the taste was never as good as this boss's.

Today, Boss Li had reopened the spicy duck neck store, so he brought Qiao Nian over.

Gu Zhou stopped the car and whispered to Qiao Nian, "Wait for me in the car."

Qiao Nian was a little dissatisfied with Gu Zhou's slow movements. She hurriedly urged, "Hurry up, then."

With that, Qiao Nian stared unblinkingly ahead, her mind filled with thoughts of eating spicy duck neck.

The moment Gu Zhou got out of the car, he instantly attracted everyone's attention.

His appearance and the noble aura he exuded were completely different from everything around him, as if he shouldn't have appeared here.

When men saw him, they marveled at his noble temperament.

When women saw him, they were completely impressed by his face. They wanted to kneel under his suit pants.

Qiao Nian saw Gu Zhou arrive at a porridge shop. Her lips curved up slightly.

"Wow, is this a domineering CEO coming to such a food street to buy food for his beloved wife?"

"That's possible. This car seems to be especially expensive!"

"If only I were that wife!"

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In the car, Qiao Nian could vaguely hear their words. Her expression froze for a moment. Only then did she realize that Gu Zhou's appearance here was indeed unusual.

After buying a bowl of porridge, Gu Zhou got into the car and handed it to Qiao Nian. He said gently, "Have some porridge first. Nourish your stomach."

Qiao Nian took the porridge and was slightly stunned. When she thought of what the students had said just now, her heart warmed.

To be honest, other than what Gu Zhou had done wrong that night six years ago, he had treated her quite well.

When she was six years old, it was Gu Zhou who had risked his life to save her.

At the thought of this, Qiao Nian turned to look at Gu Zhou. Only then did she realize that Gu Zhou had only bought a bowl of porridge. Puzzled, she asked, "What about you?"

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Gu Zhou noticed that Qiao Nian was concerned about him. His lips curved up slightly as he said, "One bowl is enough for two to share!"

Qiao Nian was speechless.

She looked down at the porridge in her hand. There wasn't much porridge.

Just now, she had thought that Gu Zhou was very careful and gentle with her, but she realized that he was petty.

How much was this bowl of porridge? Two people eating one bowl!

What was going on!

The car drove forward and finally stopped at Boss Li's spicy duck neck store.

Boss Li had been busy in the shop. When he heard the car stop at the door, he looked up and his eyes lit up.

Boss Li hurriedly walked out.

At this moment, Gu Zhou and Qiao Nian both got out of the car.

Boss Li looked at Gu Zhou and Qiao Nian excitedly, his eyes sparkling. He said excitedly, "Mr. Gu, I really didn't expect you to come. This is my honor!"

Qiao Nian was slightly stunned.

When had Boss Li and Gu Zhou become so familiar?

She looked at Boss Li. Boss Li had an excited gaze. The way Boss Li looked at Gu Zhou was not like he was looking at a guest at all. It was as if he was looking at his savior.

However, Qiao Nian didn't have time to think too much about it. Her mind was filled with the smell of spicy duck neck. She couldn't help but drool.

Gu Zhou looked at Boss Li, his expression as calm as ever. His tone was gentle as he said, "I'm here specially to bring my wife to eat your spicy duck neck!"

Gu Zhou's voice was as calm as ever. His gaze fell on Qiao Nian's face, and there was a hint of doting in his eyes, as if he only had eyes for Qiao Nian.

When Qiao Nian heard Gu Zhou's words, her heart skipped a beat. A warm current flowed through her body, and she felt much better.

In the past, she had a secret marriage with Gu Zhou, so when they were outside, they were a doctor and a patient.

This was the first time Gu Zhou had told anyone that they were husband and wife.

Boss Li's gaze fell on Qiao Nian's face, his eyes filled with gratitude. "Mrs. Gu, thank you so much!"

When Qiao Nian heard Boss Li's words, she was a little stunned. She had no idea what was going on.

She was just here to buy spicy duck neck. Why should the boss thank her?

However, before Qiao Nian could think clearly, Gu Zhou coughed. Boss Li instantly reacted. He smiled at Qiao Nian and asked gently, “Mrs. Gu, how many catties of duck neck do you want this time?”

“A catty,” Qiao Nian replied with a smile.

“Alright, please wait a moment!”

With that, Boss Li walked in energetically and weighed three catties of duck neck. Only then did he put the duck neck into the box and put it in the bag before taking it out for Qiao Nian.

If it weren’t for the fact that he had to make sure the duck neck was fresh and delicious, he would have prepared more than ten catties.

He handed the bag to Qiao Nian.

When Qiao Nian took it, she was slightly stunned. Smiling, she said, “This is a little too much. I can’t eat it all.”

When Boss Li smiled, he revealed his white teeth and said, “It’s fine. You can put it in the fridge. As long as you can finish it tomorrow!”

Qiao Nian smiled and was about to scan the QR code to pay when she heard Boss Li say, “Mrs. Gu, you don’t have to pay for this!”

Qiao Nian was slightly stunned. Puzzled, she asked, “That won’t do. We still have to pay.”

“In order to repay our old customers, our shop doesn’t require them to pay.” Boss Li finally found an excuse and said with a smile.

“There’s no need. You have a small business. We should pay up. Otherwise, you’ll lose too much money!” Qiao Nian insisted on scanning the QR code to pay.

Boss Li looked at Gu Zhou helplessly, not knowing what to say.

Gu Zhou nodded.

Seeing Gu Zhou nod, Boss Li heaved a sigh of relief and said, "Thank you."

Qiao Nian paused for a moment. For some reason, she felt that Boss Li was a little strange today. He was too polite.

Moreover, when did Boss Li become so close to Gu Zhou? He kept looking for Gu Zhou's affirmation.

However, she couldn't ask Gu Zhou directly now, so she got into the car and left with him.

After driving for about a hundred meters, Qiao Nian hurriedly covered her stomach with her hand. She looked at Gu Zhou pitifully and said, "Stop the car. My stomach isn't feeling well."

960 It's Related to You

Seeing that Qiao Nian was frowning, Gu Zhou asked worriedly, "I'll find a hospital nearby. I'll send you there."

Qiao Nian was speechless.

"There's no need to go to the hospital," Qiao Nian hurriedly said. If she went to the hospital, Gu Zhou would realize that she was pretending to have a stomachache. She said shyly, "I'll just go to the bathroom. It's not a big deal!"

When Gu Zhou heard Qiao Nian's words, he didn't say anything and stopped the car.

"Wait for me here. I'll go myself." Without waiting for Gu Zhou to speak, Qiao Nian got out of the car and left.

Gu Zhou parked the car at the same spot. This was a food street, and the toilets in the food street were all in the alley. Through the rearview mirror, he watched Qiao Nian walk into the alley. He wanted to follow her, but he thought that Qiao Nian might feel embarrassed, so he didn't.

Qiao Nian shook Gu Zhou off and jogged towards Boss Li's spicy duck neck shop.

Boss Li's attitude was really too strange. She wanted to ask what had happened.

Boss Li was working in the shop. When he saw Qiao Nian enter, an honest smile appeared on his face. He hurriedly went up to her and asked, "Mrs. Gu, what else do you want to buy?"

Qiao Nian smiled, then shook her head and asked, "Boss, I just don't understand something. I want to ask you something."

Boss Li smiled at Qiao Nian and said gently, "Mrs. Gu, please speak!"

Before Qiao Nian came, she had already asked the surrounding vendors. She knew that Boss Li's shop had been closed for a period of time.

When Boss Li heard Qiao Nian's words, he immediately looked sad. He sighed and said, "Something happened at home during that period of time. I had no choice but to close the shop."

"What happened?" Qiao Nian asked worriedly.

"Sigh, my wife is seriously ill. I wanted to stay in the hospital with her, but the medical fees were really too expensive. I even wanted to sell the shop." At this point, Boss Li looked up at Qiao Nian. "If Mr. Gu hadn't helped, my wife might have left us... Sigh..."

Boss Li's eyes turned red. He blinked, trying hard to suppress his tears.

Qiao Nian asked worriedly, "What's wrong with the lady boss?"

From Boss Li's voice, one could tell how helpless he had been.

No poor person could afford to be sick.

"The second stage of breast cancer. The doctor said that this illness can be cured, but it will require a huge medical fee." Boss Li sighed sadly

and said sadly, “How can ordinary families like us have so much money? Even if my shop is sold, it might not be enough.”

Qiao Nian’s heart jumped to her throat. She could especially understand what Boss Li was saying. Back then, when she was thrown to the countryside, she had been so helpless.

Boss Li sniffled and smiled brightly. “Fortunately, Mr. Gu helped us pay for my wife’s medical fees, so my wife could undergo surgery smoothly and escape danger. He even paid to help me reopen the shop. Without Mr. Gu, our family might have been gone. Mr. Gu is our hope for the future...”

When Qiao Nian heard Boss Li’s words, she was slightly stunned. Puzzled, she asked, “How does he know about your family’s situation?”

In Qiao Nian’s opinion, Gu Zhou rarely went out. Even when he did, he mostly went to important places.

Moreover, Gu Zhou did not have much interaction with Boss Li. How could he know about Boss Li’s family situation? Why would he help Boss Li solve his problems?

Gu Zhou was a businessman. Businessmen pursued profits and would not make a loss.

Boss Li seemed to see the surprise in Qiao Nian’s eyes. His expression changed slightly, and his eyes were filled with gratitude. He said gratefully, “Mrs. Gu, speaking of which, this matter is actually related to you.”

“Me?” Qiao Nian’s eyes were filled with surprise.

“That’s right. Back then, Mr. Gu wanted me to continue opening this spicy duck neck shop. He even said that his wife especially liked to eat spicy duck neck, so he hoped that I could settle the family matters as soon as possible and open the shop!” Boss Li said with a smile.