

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

961 Why Didn't You Say It?

Qiao Nian had never expected Boss Li's shop to be able to reopen because of her.

When Gu Zhou drove here, she had thought that it was already very considerate of him to remember that she liked to eat this restaurant's spicy duck neck. She had never expected Gu Zhou to do so much just so that she could eat it.

Qiao Nian's heart began to race uncontrollably, as if it would jump out of her mouth the next moment.

When she came to buy the spicy duck neck just now, she had already realized that something was wrong. She was about to ask clearly, but Gu Zhou didn't seem to want Boss Li to tell her.

He had clearly done a good deed. Why didn't he say so?

Apart from being touched, Qiao Nian was also puzzled. She composed herself and asked, "When did this happen?"

Boss Li pondered for a moment before saying, "My wife was preparing for her second chemotherapy five months ago. At that time, our family didn't have any money, so I was preparing to sell the shop. I remember very clearly that Mr. Gu didn't look well that day, but he seemed to be in a good mood."

Five months ago.

Qiao Nian lowered her gaze slightly. Suddenly, her expression changed. If she remembered correctly, five months ago was when she and Gu Zhou had returned from MY.

Gu Zhou had been injured in MY and did not look well.

After he returned from MY, he didn't even rest at home properly. He was actually still thinking about how she liked to eat spicy duck neck.

It would be a lie to say that she wasn't touched.

Qiao Nian's heart warmed. She felt as if she was being doted on.

She was suddenly very curious about the exact situation that day. She couldn't help but ask, "It's been so long. How can you still remember these things?"

When Boss Li heard Qiao Nian's words, his face was filled with a happy smile. He explained, "What happened that day is really fresh in my mind. More importantly, Mr. Gu's expression didn't look good. But when he mentioned Mrs. Gu, his eyes were filled with gentleness, and he couldn't help but smile. Only when someone really liked someone would he have such an attitude. The difference between his appearance and his heart is especially great, so I can remember it very clearly."

At this point, Boss Li continued, "Mrs. Gu, there might be many couples in this world, but most of them just live together. They're partners. When men mention their women, they always look calm or disgusted."

"But Mr. Gu isn't like that. When a man mentions his wife, and his eyes are filled with gentleness, it means that he likes her from the bottom of his heart. After all, a person's gaze will never lie." Boss Li smiled and said, "Mrs. Gu, I can tell that you care a lot about Mr. Gu too. You two are really an enviable couple. After all, there aren't many people in this world who truly like each other."

They were in love.

When Qiao Nian heard these words, her eyes turned a little red, and her nose felt a little sore.

There were too few people who liked each other. Why should she punish herself with other people's mistakes?

It seemed that Gu Zhou liked her for a long time. However, he had always been reserved and did not express it.

Or perhaps he had already fallen for her when she was six years old.

Otherwise, how could Gu Chuan have used all his strength to look for her?

Qiao Nian retracted her thoughts and smiled at Boss Li. "Thank you, Boss Li. I'll leave first!"

Boss Li smiled and waved at Qiao Nian. He smiled awkwardly and said, "Mrs. Gu, you're too polite. I hope you can pretend not to know about this. After all, I couldn't hold back!"

Qiao Nian nodded. "Yes, I won't tell him!"

Boss Li pointed inside and said, "Alright, I'll get back to work!"

"Yes, I hope the lady boss can recover soon!" Qiao Nian said with a smile.

"Thank you!"

Qiao Nian came out of Boss Li's shop. Thinking of the smile on Boss Li's face, she realized that he was really very happy.

She recalled the love between Boss Li and the lady boss. She was envious of that kind of immortal love.

Qiao Nian wasn't a positive person. In the past, she had felt that she was unlucky and didn't deserve happiness, because she was a child who hadn't been liked by her parents since she was young.

962 Love

Qiao Nian lowered her head and walked towards Gu Zhou's car.

Her mind was filled with what Boss Li had just said to her. What Boss Li had said about “being in love” tempted her.

She was very happy now. She had found her family. She never thought that the children who had passed away were still alive, and she even found the person who was willing to flatten the Jiang Chi Manor for her.

She was not that touched that Gu Zhou had gone against Jiang Chi for her.

But today, she found out that Gu Zhou had helped Boss Li solve his problem and opened a shop for him. For some reason, she was touched.

Perhaps what she had always wanted the most was this kind of plain love.

The spicy duck neck was really cheap.

It was such a small matter, but he had always remembered it in his heart. From another perspective, perhaps Gu Zhou would remember everything about her clearly.

Qiao Nian’s expression was a little complicated. Previously, she had been a little unwilling to accept Gu Zhou, but now she hesitated.

They were in love.

Actually, the two of them were now in love.

The only thing that made her hesitate was the mistake someone else had made.

Qiao Nian’s thoughts were in a mess. She opened the car door and got into the car. When she saw Gu Zhou holding a spoon and slowly eating more than half of the porridge she had already eaten, she was stunned.

Previously, she had thought that Gu Zhou was just joking when he said that he wanted to share a bowl of porridge with her. She didn’t expect Gu Zhou to really eat it.

With this thought in mind, she asked, “You... you really want to share a bowl of porridge with me?”

She really wanted to say, “Are you really that poor? Must you share a bowl of porridge with me?”

However, after she found out about Boss Li, she felt that it wasn't that Gu Zhou couldn't bear to waste money.

Seeing that Qiao Nian had returned, Gu Zhou stuck out his tongue and licked his lips seductively. There was a smile in his eyes. “I like sharing porridge. It tastes better!”

At first, Qiao Nian didn't understand what he meant, but when she met Gu Zhou's smiling eyes, she gradually understood.

This man was really a refined scum.

Hooligan!

She wanted porridge, and he wanted to kiss her indirectly.

Seeing Qiao Nian sit down, Gu Zhou held the porridge in his left hand and handed Qiao Nian the heat pack on his knee with his right.

Qiao Nian took the heat pack in a daze. Puzzled, she asked, “This is...”

“You said that your stomach wasn't feeling well. I heard that if you put this on, it won't hurt anymore,” Gu Zhou said seriously.

Only then did Qiao Nian realize that in order to look for Boss Li, she had deliberately pretended to have a stomachache.

However, she had not expected Gu Zhou to specially search the relevant information and buy her a heat pack.

She said guiltily, “Yes, I'll put it on now.”

Even if her stomach didn't hurt, there was nothing wrong with putting on a heat pack.

Qiao Nian had just pasted the heat pack when Gu Zhou handed the spicy duck neck to her and asked, “Don’t you like to eat this? Here!”

She met Gu Zhou’s smiling eyes and had a strange feeling in her heart. Her ears turned slightly red as she shook her head and said, “This smell is too strong. Let’s eat somewhere else later. Otherwise, your car will be filled with the smell of spicy duck neck.”

Gu Zhou’s gaze fell on Qiao Nian’s lips. His eyes gradually darkened, and his lips curved up slightly. “It’s okay, I don’t mind!”

Qiao Nian didn’t mind Gu Zhou’s gaze. To be honest, she had wanted to eat duck neck for a long time. At that time, she had just bought it and she couldn’t help but drool.

She raised her eyebrows slightly and smiled at Gu Zhou. “Alright, then don’t blame me for the car being smelly!”

With that, Qiao Nian lowered her head and opened the small box of spicy duck neck.

“Yes, I won’t.” Seeing how happy Qiao Nian was, Gu Zhou couldn’t help but smile. He continued, “Moreover, I really want to try the spicy duck neck.”

“Yes, sure. I’ve told you before that spicy duck neck is really delicious. You didn’t believe me in the past, but do you believe me now?” As Qiao Nian spoke, she opened the box. In an instant, the spicy fragrance filled the entire car. She hurriedly picked up a duck neck with her chopsticks. “I’ll eat the first one first.”

When she put the duck neck into her mouth, the spicy fragrance stimulated her taste buds, making her unable to stop herself.

963 Sharing Spicy Duck Neck

Ah!

Boss Li’s spicy duck neck was still so delicious!

How could there be such delicious food in this world?

Her entire mouth was filled with the spicy taste. After she finished one, she couldn't help but swallow.

The spicy duck neck was really too intoxicating.

Gu Zhou looked at Qiao Nian gently. Seeing how gluttonous Qiao Nian was, his lips curved up involuntarily. His throat moved slightly as he asked softly, "Is it my turn to eat?"

Qiao Nian handed the other pair of chopsticks to Gu Zhou and said, "Here, take it yourself!"

Gu Zhou looked deeply at Qiao Nian's lips.

Perhaps it was because she had just eaten the spicy duck neck, but her lips were much redder than before. They looked delicate.

Seeing that Gu Zhou had not taken the chopsticks, Qiao Nian was about to pick up a duck neck for him when Gu Zhou suddenly approached her.

Her heart skipped a beat. Caught off guard, her lips felt a gentle touch.

Qiao Nian's eyes widened, and the chopsticks in her hand fell to the ground.

She witnessed Gu Zhou's slightly closed eyes, his long eyelashes, and his fair skin...

This...

She had just finished eating the spicy duck neck. There was still the taste of it in her mouth.

How could he kiss her now?

Qiao Nian subconsciously wanted to retreat and to escape from Gu Zhou.

However, Gu Zhou didn't give her a chance to escape. He grabbed her left hand with his left and held the back of Qiao Nian's head tightly with his right hand, mercilessly taking her breath.

Qiao Nian was a little dizzy from lack of oxygen. In a daze, she suddenly recalled the first time she had come to buy spicy duck neck.

At that time, she happened to be with Gu Zhou. At that time, Gu Zhou kissed her lips like this, saying that he wanted to taste the spicy duck neck...

Qiao Nian was about to suffocate from the kiss. She opened her mouth to breathe, but she didn't expect Gu Zhou to invade her.

Qiao Nian's mind gradually went blank, and her body gradually softened. She kept obeying Gu Zhou.

Suddenly, it was as if countless fireworks had exploded in her mind. She couldn't sit still and was about to slide down.

Just as Qiao Nian was about to suffocate to death, Gu Zhou finally had the conscience to let go of her.

Qiao Nian's eyes were wet, like an innocent deer, inviting the other party to ravage her ruthlessly.

Her vision was still a little blurry, but she quickly regained her senses. She glared fiercely at Gu Zhou and inadvertently met his deep eyes.

His eyes were no longer as cold and noble as they usually were. There was only a strong desire to possess her.

This...

She had thought that the ascetic Gu Zhou was already very attractive.

However, Gu Zhou's lustful gaze was against the rules. It made one feel as if they were dancing with a wolf...

Gu Zhou's gaze fell on Qiao Nian's lips. His eyes darkened. Thinking of the kiss just now, he pursed his lips and swallowed. The desire in his eyes was obvious.

Qiao Nian silently took a step back. Gu Zhou was exuding lust now. It was better for her to stay away from him.

Gu Zhou took out another pair of disposable chopsticks. After opening them, he handed them to Qiao Nian. Seeing Qiao Nian take them, his lips curved up slightly. He whispered meaningfully into her ear, "The taste is indeed quite good. Then eat more!"

Qiao Nian subconsciously looked at him. Her red lips couldn't help but brush across Gu Zhou's thin lips. Her heart trembled, and she silently took a step back.

This pervert couldn't be thinking of eating shared spicy duck neck, right?

She really couldn't understand. Didn't it taste good to eat duck neck himself?

Gu Zhou met Qiao Nian's gaze and his lips curved up slightly. "Fasten your seatbelt. I'll take you somewhere."

The ambiguous atmosphere in the car faded a little. Qiao Nian could finally breathe freely. She looked at Gu Zhou in surprise. "Where are you planning to go?"

"Secret."

Qiao Nian placed the box of spicy duck neck on her legs. When she thought of how Gu Zhou had kissed her just now, and how he had looked when he was unrestrained, she really couldn't resist.

Qiao Nian fastened her seatbelt. Seeing that Gu Zhou was driving, she picked up a piece of duck neck and placed it in her mouth. Just as she was about to swallow it, she recalled that Gu Zhou had wanted to share the spicy duck neck with her. For a moment, she was stunned.

964 Should She Get Out of the Car?

She silently put down her chopsticks, not daring to eat anymore.

Suddenly, a thought flashed across her mind.

Could it be that Gu Zhou was preparing to drive to a small forest and have a spectacular car earthquake to eat her up?

This...

Should she get out of the car?

Qiao Nian's mind was filled with thoughts of finding an excuse.

As Gu Zhou drove, he glanced at Qiao Nian from the corner of his eye. Seeing Qiao Nian's shy expression, he felt his lower abdomen tighten. Thinking of the spicy duck neck he had just tasted, his breathing became a little erratic.

Qiao Nian put the duck neck away. After some thought, she said, "I have other things to do today, so I thought..."

"This matter is very important," Gu Zhou said with a serious expression. "We have to resolve it now."

When Qiao Nian heard this, she realized that Gu Zhou was talking about serious matters. Her mind must have been filled with those desires just now, which was why she was thinking about Gu Zhou and the car earthquake.

Since Gu Zhou said that it was serious business, it should be.

"Okay." Qiao Nian heaved a sigh of relief when she noticed that Gu Zhou was driving into the city.

After a while, the car stopped. When Qiao Nian saw the name of the five-star hotel in front of her, she was stunned.

Memories from six years ago surged through her like a flood, drowning her. She rose and fell in the flood, struggling to survive.

She remembered very clearly that she had lost her innocence here back then.

Qiao Nian looked at Gu Zhou in fear and unease. She saw that Gu Zhou was already standing at the door of the front passenger seat. He opened the door and looked at her intently.

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At the hospital.

Qiao Shan was pushed out of the operating theater by the doctors and nurses. He had already woken up during the second half of the surgery.

He lay on the hospital bed and looked at the lights above him. He was a little stunned as he listened to the doctors and nurses discuss the treatment after his amputation.

His leg had been broken by his biological daughter.

That was the daughter he had raised since he was young. What disappointed him the most was that his daughter had never asked him what he thought. Instead, she had broken his leg in self-defense.

His leg seemed to be necrotic. His bones were shattered and could no longer be repaired.

Qiao Shan was not a medical student. He did not understand why some people had problems with their legs and did not need amputation, but he did.

In a daze, Qiao Shan was pushed out of the operating theater.

The operating theater was filled with the smell of blood. When he came out, he was surrounded by clean air, and Qiao Shan's mind became clearer.

Su Xue looked at Qiao Shan's amputated leg, and her tears fell uncontrollably. She cried, "Brother Shan, sob, sob, sob. What will we do in the future..."

When Qiao Shan heard Su Xue's concerned words, he felt a trace of warmth in his heart, but more than that, he felt frustrated.

He was a capable man. For some reason, he had become crippled!

"Shut up! Are you crying for me now?" Qiao Shan couldn't help but lose his temper. "Do you think I've lived too long?"

Su Xue was shocked by Qiao Shan's voice. She shivered in fear and said pitifully, "No, no. I didn't mean that. I was just worried that you..."

Qiao Shan did not speak. He just lay on the hospital bed coldly, letting the staff push him into the ward.

Qiao Yu stayed by the bed in silence. He had prepared a private ward for Qiao Shan, which was very far from Qiao Xin's ward.

When they arrived at the ward, the medical nurses gave a few reminders and left.

Seeing Qiao Shan like this, Qiao Yu said, "Dad, I'll go buy you something. Take good care of yourself."

Qiao Shan looked at Qiao Yu. His son was his only hope. "Go ahead. Be careful."

Qiao Yu walked out of the ward, not forgetting to close the door.

Su Xue sat down beside Qiao Yu, tears falling silently.

Qiao Shan was in a bad mood because he had lost a leg. Seeing Su Xue cry, he was furious. He said angrily, "Look at what kind of daughter you've raised. Other than being jealous of others, she's caused so much trouble since she was young. Every time, we've helped her clean up her mess. Now that she's provoked someone we can't afford to offend, I think our lives will be lost because of her sooner or later!"

965 Miserable

Su Xue was so frightened that she forgot to cry. This was the first time she had heard Qiao Shan complain about his daughter, but that was the daughter she had painstakingly raised. She subconsciously shielded Qiao Xin and defended herself. “We raised Qiao Xin together. She’s our daughter. What happened has already happened. There’s no point in regretting it. We’re her parents. We can’t just watch her spend the rest of her life in a wheelchair...”

Towards the end, Su Xue lowered her head and sobbed softly.

Qiao Shan was slightly stunned. At that time, he had indeed wanted Qiao Xin to choose him. He couldn’t bear to let his child suffer. After all, Qiao Xin was still very young. She still had a long way to go.

He had already retired from the top.

Although he understood that this was the best choice, looking at his missing leg, his heart was filled with sorrow. He had dominated the business world for so many years, but he had actually ended up in such a miserable state.

Qiao Shan raised his hand to touch his tears.

He had worked so hard his entire life, but Qiao Xin had ruined everything.

The Qiao family could clearly reach a higher level!

At this moment, the ward door was pushed open from the outside.

Su Xue looked up immediately. When she saw the person standing at the door, her face instantly turned pale. She looked at the person warily.

Qiao Shan’s heart skipped a beat. He immediately sat up straight and wiped his tears.

For some reason, Qiao Shan had a bad feeling about this.

With one hand in his pocket, Lu Zhu slowly walked in. When he walked in, he looked at Qiao Shan indifferently. His gaze was as cold as ice, without a trace of warmth.

Su Xue felt a sense of oppression. She immediately stood up and shielded Qiao Shan behind her. Trying hard to overcome the fear in her heart, she asked, “Mr. Lu, did you enter the wrong ward?”

Lu Zhu’s gaze landed on Su Xue’s face. His gaze was cold as his thin lips parted slightly. “No, I’m here to look for you!”

His voice was cold, and his entire body emitted a cold aura. The entire ward instantly turned cold.

At this moment, Qiao Shan and Su Xue realized that neither the Lu family nor the Gu family could compare to them.

Su Xue swayed on the spot. She looked around in a panic and asked carefully, “Mr.... Mr. Lu, what can I do for you?”

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Qiao Nian looked at Gu Zhou hesitantly.

Seeing that Qiao Nian had calmed down, Gu Zhou said gently, “Come down!”

Qiao Nian instantly became nervous again. She swallowed and looked up at him.

The sunlight shone on Gu Zhou’s face, making him glow white. His body seemed to be covered in a layer of golden light, making him feel much warmer.

The light seemed to shine into Qiao Nian’s heart, driving away the darkness in her heart and bringing light to her.

Strangely enough, their fear of this hotel had lessened significantly.

Gu Zhou reached out his hand, preparing to invite Qiao Nian out of the car like a gentleman.

Qiao Nian looked at Gu Zhou's slender and fair hand. She hesitated for a moment before placing her hand in Gu Zhou's palm.

Gu Zhou's lips curved up slightly. He gently gripped Qiao Nian's hand and looked at her with such gentleness that water could drip from his eyes.

Since she had given her hand to him, he would never let go of her for the rest of his life!

Qiao Nian got out of the car. The uneasiness in her heart had completely disappeared. With Gu Zhou by her side, she didn't have to worry about anything.

After Gu Zhou closed the car door, he locked it and led Qiao Nian towards the hotel.

He kept holding Qiao Nian's hand, worried that she would leave because of the fear in her heart.

Walking into the hotel, Qiao Nian turned to look at Gu Zhou and asked, "Are you bringing me here for dinner?"

"You'll understand in a while." As Gu Zhou spoke, he led Qiao Nian into the elevator and casually pressed 13.

Thirteenth floor?

Qiao Nian's body stiffened, and her throat went dry.

That night six years ago was like a nightmare that swept through her again.

Qiao Nian froze and subconsciously looked at Gu Zhou.

Why did Gu Zhou press 13?

If she remembered correctly, the 13th floor was a hotel room floor. There was no dining room at all.

What was Gu Zhou doing?

Was it a coincidence?

Or did he already know everything?

966 Hell

Qiao Nian tried hard to remain calm as she followed Gu Zhou out of the elevator. She wanted to see what Gu Zhou was going to do today.

Perhaps she was just overthinking.

After the elevator door opened, Gu Zhou took Qiao Nian's hand and walked towards the east.

Qiao Nian stepped on the marble in her high heels. She and Gu Zhou were alone in the corridor. She looked at the approaching door and felt as if she was about to walk into hell.

And now, Gu Zhou was leading her into hell.

Qiao Nian looked up at Gu Zhou and saw that he was looking straight ahead. There seemed to be thick ink in his eyes.

She pursed her lips slightly and tried to retract her hand, but Gu Zhou tightened his grip on her.

She couldn't break free from Gu Zhou's grip at all now. She could only follow him to hell.

The path to hell was very difficult. It was clearly only sixty meters, but she felt as if she had walked for a lifetime.

In the end, Gu Zhou brought her to stand at the door of a suite.

She looked up at the suite's door number. It read 1314.

1314. In Chinese, it meant a lifetime.

The meaning was very good, but to Qiao Nian, it was an unforgettable nightmare.

Six years ago, she had lost everything in this room.

Qiao Nian felt a little suffocated. All the blood in her body seemed to have frozen.

At this moment, Gu Zhou placed his hand on the lock. His fingerprint successfully unlocked it. With a ding, he reached out and pushed the door open.

Qiao Nian felt as if she had been struck by lightning. She stood rooted to the ground, unable to move.

Gu Zhou looked at Qiao Nian with a gentle smile, indicating for her to come in.

Qiao Nian stood rooted to the ground quietly. This suite was her nightmare. It had begun unluckily for her. She really didn't want to go in again.

Just as Qiao Nian was feeling conflicted, Gu Zhou let go of her hand and picked her up in his arms. He led her in and closed the door.

Bang!

Bang!

Bang!

Qiao Nian seemed to hear her violently beating heart. She was stunned. She stood rooted to the ground in a daze, not even remembering to struggle and escape.

Gu Zhou looked down at Qiao Nian, who was in his arms. Her palm-sized face was filled with fear and unease, and she looked like a helpless young lady.

“Nian’er, I’m sorry!” Gu Zhou apologized sincerely. He had wanted to apologize to that girl back then, but he had never found her.

Gu Zhou knew in his heart that every girl would be afraid when they encountered such a thing.

Even though Qiao Nian usually looked smart and calm, she was still an eighteen-year-old girl at that time. She still couldn’t accept the terrifying truth.

Qiao Nian’s beautiful fox-like eyes widened uncontrollably. She looked at Gu Zhou in disbelief. “Could it be that you...”

“I know that you were the one that night.” As Gu Zhou spoke, he carried Qiao Nian to the bed and placed her there. “I know that you were the girl from that night six years ago. I also know that you’re Gu Qi and Xiao Shi’s biological mother. You’re also the person I’ve been looking for these past few years.”

Qiao Nian was shocked!

When Gu Zhou admitted this himself, she felt as if her body had been torn apart and her heart had been seen.

She had always thought that she had hidden it well, but she did not expect Gu Zhou to have known long ago.

She lowered her head, not daring to look around. She didn’t want to stay in a nightmare. She wanted to escape this place and go somewhere else.

Qiao Nian had just stood up when she was pulled into Gu Zhou’s arms.

“Let go of me!” Qiao Nian reached out to push Gu Zhou away.

Gu Zhou hugged her tightly and rested his chin on the top of her head. He said in a low and hoarse voice, “Don’t leave...”

Qiao Nian slowly closed her eyes, unable to calm the anger in her heart.

“After that incident, I bought this suite and the entire hotel.” Gu Zhou’s low voice seemed to be filled with magic, gradually calming the anger in Qiao Nian’s heart. “I’ve been waiting for you here, waiting for you to come and look for me. I didn’t dare to look for you because I was afraid that I would ruin your reputation.”

Qiao Nian recalled what Lu Zhu had told her previously. He had said that Gu Zhou had been looking for her. He was worried that her reputation would be damaged, so he didn’t dare to make a scene.

967 Sorry

“I’m sorry.” As Gu Zhou spoke, he looked down at Qiao Nian, who was in his arms. Qiao Nian lowered her gaze, her long eyelashes covering her eyes, looking pitiful. “I’ve always wanted to apologize to you, but I couldn’t find you. Back then, I really couldn’t control myself, so I did that to you. All of this is my fault.”

Qiao Nian sat calmly in his arms and slowly closed her eyes.

She was conflicted.

Her subconscious told her to get out of here quickly. She didn’t want to stay here. This was hell.

But her rationality told her that she had to face all of this hard truth. If she wanted to walk out of hell, she had to face it bravely.

At that time, she had helped Xiao Shi walk out of her nightmare like this.

She was only five years old, but she had already walked out of the nightmare of Song Man jumping off a building.

She was Xiao Shi’s mommy. How could she be so timid and not dare to face the nightmares of the past?

Qiao Nian took a deep breath and looked up at Gu Zhou, who was sitting beside her. She asked, “How did you know?”

Seeing that Qiao Nian was willing to communicate with him, Gu Zhou heaved a sigh of relief. "When you asked me where I had been schemed against, you didn't look right."

Qiao Nian was slightly stunned. She asked in surprise, "Just because my expression wasn't right?"

"The day Song Man jumped off the building, I felt that something was wrong. Every time I see Xiao Shi smile, I keep feeling that it's especially familiar."

Gu Zhou paused for a moment, his gaze falling on Qiao Nian's fox-like eyes. "It was exactly the same as when you smiled when you were young. At that time, I felt that the person that night might be you."

Qiao Nian recalled Xiao Shi's face. Xiao Shi also had a pair of beautiful fox-like eyes. At that time, she had felt that Xiao Shi looked a little familiar. Later on, when she heard from Gu Zhou that he was in An City when he was schemed against, she was basically certain that she was Xiao Shi's mother.

"Xiao Shi is very similar to you. Coupled with your reaction after you found out that I had been schemed against in An City, I was 90% sure that the girl is you." Gu Zhou looked into Qiao Nian's eyes. His face was reflected in hers.

At this moment, he hoped that Qiao Nian would only have eyes for him in the future.

Qiao Nian frowned slightly, her emotions complicated. She looked at Gu Zhou's face. "Don't tell me you do things based on your emotions!"

"I asked Chen Qing to do a DNA test on you and Gu Qi. The report shows that you're mother and son!" Gu Zhou said in a low voice.

When Qiao Nian heard Gu Zhou's words, she frowned and asked, "So, you knew that day?"

Gu Zhou nodded.

Qiao Nian didn't reply.

At first, she had only suspected that she was the mother of two children. That was why she had gone for a DNA test.

At this moment, Qiao Nian realized that Gu Zhou was very smart.

The reason why she could guess this was because Gu Zhou had told her about his scheme six years ago and Gu Qi's background.

Then, she knew the time and place, so she could deduce that the man that night was very likely Gu Zhou.

However, Gu Zhou did not know what had happened to her in the past, nor did he know what she had experienced in the past. He had actually guessed correctly through her reaction.

This man was really too smart!

Qiao Nian looked at Gu Zhou. Perhaps this was fate. She was destined to be with Gu Zhou!

Seeing that Qiao Nian had fallen silent, Gu Zhou reached out and held her hand.

Qiao Nian wanted to retract her hand, but she couldn't. She looked up and met Gu Zhou's affectionate eyes.

She was at a loss.

Gu Zhou held her hand tightly and said, "We were already engaged before you were born."

Qiao Nian pursed her lips and remained silent.

More and more possessiveness gradually surged in Gu Zhou's eyes, but his voice was still very gentle. "Even though you left the Lu family for so many years, I met you again when you were six years old!"

As Qiao Nian listened to Gu Zhou's words, her memories drifted back to when she was six years old on the spiritual mountain. Her heart skipped a beat, and the way she looked at Gu Zhou softened a lot.

"Brother Chuan," Qiao Nian called out softly.

Before Qiao Yu, that imposter, appeared, she had been waiting for Brother White Shirt.

968 You Laughed

"Gu Chuan is me, and I'm also Gu Chuan. Whether it's me or Gu Chuan, we're all waiting for you." Gu Zhou continued, "You've been wandering outside for many years. What happened to us six years ago might have been a test given to us by the heavens. Fate has long tied us tightly together. Even if we cross time and space, we are still tied tightly together."

Qiao Nian's uneasy heart gradually calmed down. Sometimes, she sighed with emotion at fate. Her fate with Gu Zhou was really extraordinary.

"Do you still remember what you asked me at the hospital?" Gu Zhou asked.

Qiao Nian no longer had time to think about what had happened back then. She looked at Gu Zhou in confusion.

Seeing Qiao Nian's adorable expression, Gu Zhou couldn't help but laugh.

His voice was low, but his voice rose slightly at the end. It was especially seductive.

"When did I like you?" Gu Zhou reminded her kindly.

Qiao Nian suddenly recalled the situation back then. She wanted to get up from Gu Zhou's lap, but this man's hand was still on her waist.

Unable to struggle, she said casually, "Don't tell me it was when you bit my face!"

Qiao Nian regretted her words.

Oh my god!

At that time, she was still a baby who only knew how to eat, drink, and shit. What charm could she have? Moreover, Gu Zhou had been beaten up because of this.

She was about to change her answer when she met Gu Zhou's gentle eyes. For a moment, she forgot what to say.

"I still remember the first time I saw you. At that time, you were just a month old. Grandpa Lu carried you over. At that time, I looked at your face and reached out to touch it. I couldn't help but kiss you. However, I didn't have any experience, so it turned into a bite!"

Qiao Nian's pupils instantly dilated as she looked at Gu Zhou in disbelief. She hadn't expected Gu Zhou to have been thinking about her since she was a baby!

This man was too much!

Gu Zhou was amused by Qiao Nian's expression. He moved slightly closer to her mouth and kissed her lightly. Seeing her face gradually turn red, he chuckled. "Actually, I didn't even remember this in the past. Later on, after interacting with you for a long time, I inadvertently remembered."

Qiao Nian almost suspected that there was something wrong with Gu Zhou's mind.

"I think at that time, I probably thought that you were soft and sweet, so I wanted to taste you."

Qiao Nian looked at Gu Zhou and smiled. For some reason, she felt a little sad.

Zhou Zhou had always wanted to eat candy, but he had never eaten it.

However, in the novels she had read in the past, domineering CEOs were all arrogant. Why was her CEO always thinking about eating candy when he was young?

Gu Zhou didn't know what Qiao Nian was thinking about with her unpredictable expression. He said seriously, "When you cried, I realized that you weren't candy. You were like the especially good-looking doll I had seen. No, at that time, you were basically a doll."

Qiao Nian couldn't help but laugh out loud. "You must have been beaten up by my brothers. Let's see if you still dare to bite me!"

Seeing Qiao Nian smile, Gu Zhou smiled. His lips curved up slightly as he said, "Nian'er."

"Hm?"

"You're laughing!"

The smile on Qiao Nian's face froze, then gradually disappeared.

Gu Zhou had been paying attention to her emotions. Was that why he had said those things in the past in a relaxed and casual tone to make her laugh?

Qiao Nian pursed her lips and said seriously, "You were still so young back then. How could you still remember this?"

"The most important and profound memories will always be remembered. I remember this very clearly." Gu Zhou smiled and said sincerely.

Qiao Nian lowered her gaze slightly. She recalled some fragmented memories of her past when she was three years old.

She remembered listening to Second Brother play the piano in Second Brother's piano room. Although she couldn't see Second Brother's face clearly, she remembered every note.

She still remembered the first time she saw Su Xue. Those memories gradually came back to her.

Gu Zhou looked around, his gaze finally landing on Qiao Nian's face. "Face of the fear in your heart so you won't be afraid in the future!"

969 Die Together

Before Qiao Nian could react, Gu Zhou placed her on the bed.

Fear instantly spread throughout her body. Just as she was about to escape, Gu Zhou had already pounced on her.

Sunlight filtered through the white curtains. The room was bathed in gentle sunlight, like the clouds in Qiao Nian's nightmare.

At this moment, she saw Gu Zhou reach out his slender fingers and unbutton his shirt slowly. His muscular chest was gradually revealed, and she could vaguely see his sexy muscles.

Qiao Nian frowned. She had already guessed what Gu Zhou was going to do. "What do you want to do?"

Gu Zhou lowered his body slightly. Qiao Nian's flustered face was reflected in his dark eyes, which were filled with aggression.

Qiao Nian's eyes were filled with panic. She placed her hands on Gu Zhou's chest and subconsciously wanted to push him away, but she couldn't. She swallowed and tried hard to remain calm. "Get up quickly. I..."

"I want to be with you for real." As Gu Zhou spoke, he placed his left hand on the side of Qiao Nian's pillow and gently tucked her hair behind her ear with his right hand.

Qiao Nian still wanted to push Gu Zhou away, but Gu Zhou pressed himself down and kissed her lips without hesitation.

The situation six years ago and the current situation alternated in her mind.

At that time, the feeling of suffocation and fear gradually disappeared, leaving only heartache.

Gu Zhou raised his body slightly and their eyes met.

“We’ll share the same bed in life or death. Don’t even think about leaving me again in this life!”

The man’s voice was low, sexy, and domineering.

Qiao Nian’s face turned red uncontrollably, and her heart began to race. She wanted to speak, but Gu Zhou covered her lips again.

The room was filled with passion.

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At the hospital.

Qiao Shan sat on the hospital bed, looking at the headlines on his phone with a pale face.

“The daughter of the Qiao Corporation, Qiao Xin, personally broke her father’s leg. Her father’s injury has been condemned by everyone!”

His fingers trembled as he scrolled through the comments. The comments below were all scolding Qiao Xin, each worse than the last. In a rage, he smashed his phone against the wall.

Slam!

The phone shattered instantly.

When Su Xue pushed open the door, she happened to see Qiao Shan smashing his phone. She was so frightened that her heart was about to jump out of her throat. She took a deep breath and walked to the bed with dinner.

“Brother Shan, eat something!” Su Xue had just returned from Qiao Xin’s place. Every time she went to Qiao Xin’s ward, she was always worried that she would bump into Gu Zhou and that her leg would be broken.

Qiao Shan stared coldly at the shattered phone. Without even looking at Su Xue, he said coldly, “Gu Zhou is really unscrupulous. He directly made Qiao Xin breaking my leg a trending topic!”

When Su Xue heard this, although what Qiao Xin had done disappointed her, Qiao Xin was still her daughter. How could she bear to let her daughter suffer? She hurriedly said, “This... does the Gu family want to force us to our deaths?”

“No!” Qiao Shan shook his head slightly and looked away from his phone. His gaze fell on Su Xue’s face and he said, “He probably just wants to ruin Qiao Xin’s reputation.”

Su Xue placed the food on the bedside table, then took out the dining table and laid it out. She placed the food on the dining table again and sat down opposite Qiao Shan. “Let’s eat first!”

When Su Xue was in Qiao Xin’s room, she was so frightened that she didn’t dare to eat. She was afraid that Gu Zhou would come over in the next moment.

Qiao Shan picked up his chopsticks and said lightly, “Buy me another phone later!”

“Okay.” As Su Xue spoke, she handed the chopsticks to Qiao Shan. “Do you want to spend money to remove Qiao Xin’s trending topic?”

These trending topics were all bought with money. Of course, they could also be suppressed with money. Although Su Xue was bitterly disappointed in Qiao Xin, Qiao Xin was still her daughter. She couldn’t bear to let so many people scold her daughter.

Qiao Shan’s expression instantly darkened. He looked up, his eyes cold. “You want your legs to be broken too?”

Su Xue was slightly stunned. Her eyes gradually dimmed as she said in a low voice, "Then... then what about Lu Zhu?"

Qiao Shan placed his chopsticks heavily on the table. What was there to eat now? He was already full of anger. He said angrily, "She really knows how to make me worry. She provoked the Gu family and the Lu family. She's simply lawless!"

970 Heartache for Qiao Xin

When Su Xue heard Qiao Shan's words, she sighed slightly. "Who would have thought that Qiao Nian was the eldest daughter of the Lu family!"

Qiao Shan sighed heavily. He recalled Lu Zhu's expression in the afternoon, and his eyes were filled with coldness and disgust.

At that time, Lu Zhu said, "Two days. Only two days. If I don't see Qiao Xin kneeling in front of my sister with He Cheng to apologize, I will ruin the Qiao family and Qiao Yu. I don't think Qiao Yu would want to only have one leg left!"

At that time, Qiao Shan had been begging Lu Zhu to let Qiao Xin off.

At that time, Su Xue couldn't take it anymore. She knelt on the ground and kowtowed to Lu Zhu, hoping that Lu Zhu would be magnanimous and not stoop to Qiao Xin's level.

Even though they were begging as parents, Lu Zhu still did not relent.

Qiao Shan picked up his chopsticks again. He was getting old. If he was ruined, so be it. After all, there wasn't much of his future left.

But Qiao Yu was different.

Qiao Yu was a famous genius in An City. Not only could he bring the Qiao Corporation back to life, but he could also improve the Qiao family in An City.

Qiao Yu had studied hard for so many years. Was Qiao Yu going to lose everything and become a cripple because of Qiao Xin's jealousy?

Qiao Shan's eyes gradually dimmed. It seemed that he had to tell Qiao Xin what to do.

Qiao Shan looked up at Su Xue and asked, "Did you manage to get He Cheng's whereabouts from Qiao Xin?"

Su Xue had just scooped a spoonful of soup. When she heard Qiao Shan's question, she silently put down the spoon and sighed slightly. She shook her head. "I've asked someone to look for He Cheng. I don't think there'll be any news for a while."

"Qiao Xin will definitely be able to contact He Cheng. We still have to ask Qiao Xin!" Qiao Shan said coldly. For now, he could only make Qiao Xin suffer.

Su Xue understood what Qiao Shan was thinking, but she still asked worriedly, "Do we really want Qiao Xin to kneel down and apologize to Qiao Nian? Isn't Lu Zhu's request too much?"

"Too much?" Qiao Shan's voice turned cold. He questioned coldly, "If you had treated Qiao Nian better back then and told Qiao Xin not to cause trouble, would there have been so many repercussions?"

Su Xue immediately lowered her head. Actually, no matter what, this was all her fault. If she hadn't been greedy for so much money back then, today's events wouldn't have happened.

One wrong step led to another.

She was getting old and could be shameless. She could kneel in front of Qiao Nian and beg for mercy.

But Qiao Xin was different. She was still young and proud. How could she do such a lowly thing?

Seeing that Su Xue was silent, Qiao Shan asked, "Or do you want the Qiao family to be destroyed in one day and Qiao Yu to be crippled like me?"

When Su Xue heard this, her eyes instantly turned red.

Both Qiao Yu and Qiao Xin were her children. How could she bear to let her child suffer?

“But Xin Xin...”

Qiao Shan was so angry that his eyes turned red. He raised his hand and swept all the food on the table to the ground.

The porcelain shattered into countless pieces, and the ground was covered in food. Even the bed was stained with some food.

Su Xue shrank back in fear.

“Are you trying to get Qiao Yu killed because Qiao Xin? Have you thought about what Qiao Yu will face in the future? He’s the pride of our family. Without Qiao Yu, the Qiao family would have ceased to exist long ago!” Qiao Shan gritted his teeth and said viciously. Why had he married such a stupid fool back then? The family was in chaos because of her.

Qiao Shan recalled that his mother didn’t like Su Xue back then. At that time, he had stood up to everyone and married Su Xue.

He was really blind to have fallen for such an unfaithful woman.

Su Xue shook her head vigorously and explained carefully, “No, no. I’m just wondering if we can think of a way to get the best of both worlds. Not only can we satisfy Lu Zhu, but we won’t let our daughter suffer, nor will we let our son and the Qiao family be hurt!”

“As long as you can think of a way and I think it’ll work, we’ll do as you say!” Qiao Shan said expressionlessly, leaning back against the bed.

Su Xue’s lips parted slightly, and her eyes gradually turned red. If she really had a way, she would have said it long ago.