Farmhouse 40

Chapter 40: Similar Destinies Far Apart

The modern-era Gu Youyou's father was the heir of the Gu Family, and as his only daughter, she was the only possible successor.

But ever since her father died unexpectedly, the uncles and aunts could never quite sit still.

Gu Youyou couldn't count how many "accidents" she had survived from childhood to adulthood.

She knew, those incidents that appeared to be accidental were deliberately caused by those coveting her status as the heiress.

In the vast Gu Family, only the elderly grandfather protected her.

This Gu Youyou was no different, and her situation was much more tragic.

She couldn't imagine how a seven-year-old girl survived on her own after her parents' death, locked up in a dark room like an animal.

Every time she saw Gu Feng, she was reminded of her own grandfather, and Gu Youyou's plight brought back memories of her own past.

Neither of them had a happy ending; they both died in the end.

She was unlucky; when had she ever been fortunate?

Yet, the modern-era Gu Youyou survived in place of the one from here.

She wondered where that poor little girl went.

Could she have taken over her own body to carry on living?

Recalling the day she time-traveled, it happened to be her birthday.

That year, she had just inherited the family business, and to assert her unapproachable status in the Gu Family, she, who was always low-key, made the birthday party extravagantly high-profile, with widespread media promotion a month in advance.

The birthday party was on a luxurious yacht.

That day she drank a bit too much but was not unconscious.

Later, someone injected her with an anesthetic, and in the moment before her consciousness faded, she knew she had been thrown into the sea.

The sea was very deep; the chances of her survival were slim.

She most likely became fish food.

After the anesthetic took effect, she lost consciousness, and dying didn't bring any pain.

When she opened her eyes again, she was already in the Gu Family's dark little room.

She did hope that this Gu Youyou could survive as strongly as she had for the last ten years, waiting for someone to rescue her from the sea.

This Gu Youyou, who'd been locked up in a dark little room since childhood, didn't have the cunning of that Gu Youyou, nor the power to control the Gu Family.

She was much more innocent, posing no threat to those people.

If she could survive, maybe she really could keep on surviving.

Thinking too much once again brought the familiar wave of sadness over her heart.

Gu Youyou shook her head, trying to stop thinking about those things.

Because thinking about it was meaningless; the unthinkable event of time-travel had already occurred.

Gu Youyou collected her thoughts and asked softly, “Grandfather, I want to ask how did my parents die?

I was too little at the time and have forgotten!”

Gu Feng was somewhat surprised, but having just been moved, he didn’t think much of it, assuming Gu Youyou was missing her parents.

He wiped away tears, his eyes still somewhat cloudy, and said, “Your parents, ah, died ten years ago on a rainy day when they went to the city.

On their way back, they accidentally fell into the Lotus Pond outside and drowned.

It’s said that your father slipped and fell in first, and your mother reached to pull him out but ended up pulling herself in too, and in the end, neither of them made it back.

Youyou, don’t be sad, what’s done is done.

If you’re doing well, your parents’ spirits in heaven can rest in peace.”

Gu Youyou silently took note, gave a faint smile, and nodded, to put Gu Feng more at ease.

She then inquired about the Great Fairy.

“Grandfather, I heard that I almost died of an illness as a child, and it was only because a Great Fairy came to our house that my illness was cured?”