

## Chapter 690: Destined

Qiao Nian suddenly felt Gu Zhou hug her even tighter.

Qiao Nian was a little surprised. Why was Gu Zhou hugging her?

Was Gu Zhou afraid that she would be jealous of the eldest daughter of the Lu family, or did he treat her as the eldest daughter of the Lu family?

“When I was very young, Old Master Lu would often carry the eldest daughter of the Lu family over. However, after I was sent to the countryside, I never saw her again. About a few months later, I received news of her death.”

Moonlight streamed in from the window. Gu Zhou’s back was facing the window.

Gu Zhou’s face was in the shadows. Qiao Nian couldn’t see his face clearly, but she could hear his voice.

His voice trembled a little, as if he was very concerned about the death of the eldest daughter of the Lu family.

Qiao Nian had a strange feeling in her heart. After some thought, she asked again, “What happened after that?”

“After that, the marriage between our families was canceled.” When Gu Zhou said this, he sounded a little helpless.

Qiao Nian sighed softly, her heart aching.

Although she had already heard about this from Matriarch Gu, she did not feel much at that time.

However, when she heard Gu Zhou’s words, she felt even worse.

Gu Zhou still cared a lot about the eldest daughter of the Lu family.

As she was the eldest daughter of the Lu family, she did not feel sad.

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However, when she thought about how Gu Zhou had said in front of her that he cared about another girl even if she wasn't the eldest daughter of the Lu family...

She still felt a little uncomfortable.

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But when the truth was right there. Qiao Nian realized something.

In the past, she had never believed in fate, but now she did.

It was as if she and Gu Zhou were destined to be together.

Even though she did not have the status of the eldest daughter of the Lu family, even though she had been forced to marry into the Qiao family, she was still Gu Zhou's wife.

Her bond with Gu Zhou was very deep.

With her ability, no matter how much the Qiao couple forced her, she could refuse. However, she had previously promised someone that she would treat Gu Zhou's illness in return for saving her life.

At that time, she thought that if she married over on behalf of Qiao Xin, not only would she be able to get the shares Grandma had left for her, but she would also be able to take the opportunity to treat Gu Zhou's illness. It would be the best of both worlds. Hence, she had married him without hesitation.

However, after going around in circles, she had never expected that she and Gu Zhou were destined to be together.

The more Gu Zhou thought about it, the more painful it became. He couldn't help but hug Qiao Nian tightly.

Qiao Nian sensed that Gu Zhou's emotions were unstable. She hesitated for a moment, then helplessly raised her arms to hug him.

"Yes, thank you for your honesty!" Qiao Nian looked up at Gu Zhou and said softly.

Gu Zhou was slightly stunned. He hadn't expected Qiao Nian to say this. A complicated look flashed in his eyes as he said, "I don't want you to misunderstand me because of this!"

A strange feeling flashed across Qiao Nian's heart. She hadn't expected Gu Zhou to be so honest with her. He was actually afraid that she would misunderstand.

Everyone had a past. Actually, she didn't care about Gu Zhou's past at all.

Moreover, the two of them were not really married to begin with. He wasn't part of her past which was even more exhausting.

"Yes!"

"I'll go to the Gu residence with you tomorrow. Go to sleep!"

Gu Zhou's voice sounded a little muffled, as if he was not very satisfied with her answer.

Qiao Nian was a little sleepy after being tormented for so long. When she heard Gu Zhou's words, she closed her eyes and fell asleep not long after.

Seeing that Qiao Nian had fallen asleep, Gu Zhou wasn't sleepy at all. Under the moonlight shining in from the window, he looked at Qiao Nian's quiet sleeping face, and the uneasiness in his heart gradually grew.

He had slept before. He had dreams. He dreamed that he was back as a child.

At that time, Ah Nian had brought him a lollipop. When he wanted to eat it, his mother had beaten him up.

Vaguely, he seemed to see Qiao Nian standing in the bathroom and taking the initiative to kiss him on the lips. Then, he brought Qiao Nian into the bathtub to kiss her. He still remembered the taste of Qiao Nian's mouth.

Gu Zhou licked his lips.

That dream was a little messy.

He couldn't figure out if that really happened or if it was just a dream.

## Chapter 691: Jealousy

Gu Zhou stared at Qiao Nian's lips with a burning gaze. He recalled the kiss in the bathtub. For some reason, he moved closer to Qiao Nian's lips and kissed her involuntarily.

This kiss was completely different from the deep kiss before. It was just a light kiss.

Strange, her lips weren't as sweet as they had been in her dream.

Just as Gu Zhou was about to kiss her again, the sleeping Qiao Nian frowned slightly, as if falling asleep like this was very uncomfortable.

Just as he was about to adjust his posture, Qiao Nian placed her hand on his waist and took the initiative to approach him.

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Jiang Yue was wearing a black tracksuit. She walked quietly on the second floor of the Gu family villa.

She had lived here for more than twenty years and knew every room like the back of her hand.

Although Gu Zhou was unwilling to let her in, she had once discovered a dog hole when she was young. When she saw that no one was paying attention, she crawled in through that dog hole.

When Jiang Yue was in the courtyard, she carefully avoided all the cameras.

There were no cameras in the Gu family villa, so she walked down the corridor on the second floor without restraint.

Jiang Yue walked to the guest room Qiao Nian had been staying in. She turned the doorknob and pushed the door open.

Although Jiang Yue had not returned to the Gu family during this period of time and she did not have a spy in the Gu family, she had been living in the mountains and watching every move of the Gu family with a telescope.

She knew that Qiao Nian was sleeping in this room. She wanted to give Qiao Nian some small gifts so that Qiao Nian would beg for death in the future.

Jiang Yue carefully sprinkled some medicinal powder on Qiao Nian's bed. Just as she was about to leave, she began to rummage through her things.

Previously, she had noticed that Grandma had given Qiao Nian something. She really wanted to know what it was. She remembered that Qiao Nian had placed it in the cabinet.

Jiang Yue found a jewelry box in a cabinet. She hurriedly took it out and opened it. She was stunned.

Jiang Yue gripped the flashlight in her hand tightly, shining all the light on the piece of jewelry in the jewelry box.

It was actually the Butterfly Fairy!

This was Grandma's proudest work.

Grandma had actually given the Butterfly Fairy to Qiao Nian.

The coldness in Jiang Yue's eyes grew more and more obvious. She clenched her fists tightly and pursed her lips.

Jiang Yue remembered very clearly that when the butterfly fairy designed by Grandma and received an award, Grandma kept this jewelry for herself.

Jiang Yue had thought that Grandma would never take out the Butterfly Fairy again, but she had never expected Grandma to give the Butterfly Fairy to Qiao Nian.

Why?

Back then, before Qiao Nian married into the Gu family, she was still the eldest daughter of the Gu family. She could do whatever she wanted in the outside world.

It was all Qiao Nian's fault!

Qiao Nian had taken everything from her.

Qiao Nian had even stolen Grandma's love for her.

She would never let Qiao Nian off. She had to make Qiao Nian pay the price.

Once again, Jiang Yue's gaze fell on the butterfly fairy necklace. Her pupils were trembling with anger. She closed the jewelry box and placed it in her pocket.

She couldn't leave such a good thing to Qiao Nian.

Jiang Yue left carefully. She walked to the room where Gu Zhou and Qiao Nian were sleeping, her expression complicated.

She wondered what that little b\*tch Qiao Nian had drugged Gu Zhou with to make him listen to her.

In two days, she would see if Qiao Nian, this little b\*tch, could still smile.

Jiang Yue quickly walked out.

The next morning, when Qiao Nian woke up, she realized that she was alone on the bed.

She casually touched the place where Gu Zhou was sleeping, but she did not feel any warmth. It seemed that Gu Zhou should have woken up long ago.

Qiao Nian sat up lazily from the bed and woke up. Only then did she walk towards her room.

After washing up and changing her clothes, Qiao Nian walked downstairs.

When she walked to the living room, she saw Gu Qi sitting on the sofa, holding his phone with both hands. His expression was serious, as if he was playing a game.

Qiao Nian looked at Gu Qi with interest. She walked towards him. When she saw Gu Qi's phone screen, she was stunned.

## Chapter 692: Playing Games

Qiao Nian looked at Gu Qi in shock. She didn't expect Gu Qi to be playing the same game as her.

However, she felt that it was a pity that she had always been second in the national server, far behind the first.

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She was very curious about Gu Qi's skills. Then, when she leaned over, she saw the crystal opposite her.

"Victory!"

At this moment, Gu Qi also noticed Qiao Nian approaching. He hurriedly turned off his phone and looked at Qiao Nian uneasily, a little afraid.

At this moment, Gu Qi was like a child who had done something wrong. He was afraid of the accusations of the adults.

Qiao Nian smiled and sat down beside Gu Qi. Her gaze sized up Gu Qi's face. His face was flushed red, and his lips were rosy. It was obvious that he had recovered from his illness.

Qiao Nian reached out and touched Gu Qi's forehead, then her own. The temperature was about the same.

However, just in case, Qiao Nian moved slightly closer to Gu Qi and gently pressed her forehead against his.

Gu Qi's black grape-colored eyes instantly widened, and his pupils involuntarily dilated. He stared blankly at Qiao Nian, his ears turning red.

Qiao Nian carefully felt the temperature of Gu Qi's forehead and was relieved to find that he really no longer had a fever.

Qiao Nian smiled at Gu Qi. Thinking of how he had been playing games just now, she asked curiously, "Xiao Qi was playing Honor of Kings just now?"

Gu Qi recalled that Qiao Nian had already seen his phone, so he nodded. There was no point in lying now.

When Qiao Nian heard Gu Qi's words, her eyes lit up. She asked with interest, "I didn't expect you to know how to play this game too. Why don't we play as a pair?"

Gu Qi shook his head stubbornly and said seriously, "I only like to hit myself!"

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Qiao Nian hadn't expected to be rejected.

Although she couldn't beat the first place in the national server in the game, she was more than enough to deal with others.

Moreover, Gu Qi was young. His level in the game was definitely not high. She would definitely be able to carry him if he had a low level.

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Qiao Nian moved closer to Gu Qi and smiled at him. Her beautiful fox-like eyes narrowed slightly as she coaxed, "Auntie is especially good at games. She can carry you."

When Gu Qi heard Qiao Nian's words, he glanced at her indifferently and shook his head. "There's no need."

Qiao Nian looked at Gu Qi with interest. She didn't expect Gu Qi to reject her suggestion.

One had to know that almost everyone who played King of Games wanted to be sent flying.

Could it be that Gu Qi didn't know what to do?

If Gu Qi didn't understand at all, the chances of him winning that round weren't high.

Unless Gu Qi's teammate was someone especially powerful.

With this thought in mind, Qiao Nian smiled at Gu Qi and said, "If I bring you along, I can bring you to the king level!"

At this moment, Qiao Nian looked like an old auntie coaxing a cute child.

Gu Qi's gaze landed on Qiao Nian's eyes. He sighed softly, then said solemnly, "Auntie Nian Nian, can you mature a little?"

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Qiao Nian was speechless.

Gu Qi seemed to be saying that she was very childish.

But she wasn't childish at all.

She was clearly an adult, but she just wanted to have a better relationship with Gu Qi.

Just as Qiao Nian was about to speak, she saw Gu Qi's lips curl up slightly.

She chuckled and patted Gu Qi's head, a bright smile appearing on her face. It seemed that Gu Qi had his own secrets in the game!

Gu Qi sat there quietly, letting Qiao Nian stroke his head. He was indescribably happy.

In the game, he often heard from others that adults did not allow children to play games. Moreover, his father did not like him to play games.

However, his Auntie Nian Nian wasn't be like this. Auntie Nian Nian didn't think that it was a bad thing for him to play games.

Moreover, Auntie Nian Nian seemed to think that he was very good at playing games. She even wanted to play games with him.

Actually, he also wanted to play games with Auntie Nian Nian.

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## Chapter 693: Repaying a Huge Sum

However, he was now working in the game to earn money. When the time came, he would still owe Auntie Nian Nian money, so he couldn't let Auntie Nian Nian know his game ID.

If Auntie Nian Nian knew that he could repay the huge sum of money he owed by playing games, she would definitely not be willing to let him return the money.

Gu Qi's eyes darted around. He recalled that his father listened to Auntie Nian Nian very much, so he asked, "Auntie Nian Nian, can I keep my game a secret? I don't want Dad to know."

"Ok!"

"I still owe you money!"

Hearing Gu Qi's words, Qiao Nian instantly reacted and couldn't help but laugh out loud. "If you hadn't mentioned it, I would have forgotten!"

"I'll return the money to you tomorrow!" Gu Qi said seriously.

Qiao Nian looked at Gu Qi's little face and couldn't help but laugh out loud.

Every time Gu Qi pretended to be an adult, she couldn't help but want to laugh because she felt that he was too cute.

"Alright, if you don't return the money tomorrow, I'll have to ask you for additional interest!" Qiao Nian teased with a smile, reaching out intimately to scratch Gu Qi's little nose.

At this moment, Gu Zhou walked down the stairs from the second floor.

This morning, he had screened out those people named Gu Chuan that Chen Qing had found. No matter how he looked at it, he felt that those people couldn't be the ones Qiao Nian cared about.

Gu Zhou's frown deepened. When he walked to the living room on the first floor, he saw Qiao Nian and Gu Qi chatting intimately from afar.

His furrowed brow slowly relaxed, and the coldness in his eyes gradually disappeared. His gaze became gentle.

For some reason, Gu Zhou felt that this was more like a "home".

Qiao Nian sensed that someone else was looking at her. She looked up and saw Gu Zhou wearing a black suit, standing calmly at the stairs.

His facial features were well-defined, and his eyes were deep. His face was a little pale from illness, but that didn't stop him from being handsome.

Standing there, everything around her instantly paled in comparison.

He was like a noble prince who had walked out of a painting.

Seeing Gu Zhou like this, Qiao Nian's breathing hitched. In a daze, she recalled the adorable Zhou Zhou from yesterday.

It was hard for her to imagine that Gu Zhou and Zhou Zhou were the same person.

Although they had the same face, their auras were completely different.

Qiao Nian recalled what had happened in the bathtub. She had never expected the child-like Zhou Zhou to take the initiative...

However, when she thought of what had happened last night, Qiao Nian's ears couldn't help but turn red. She hurriedly looked away from Gu Zhou's face.

Gu Zhou didn't notice anything wrong with Qiao Nian. He walked towards the sofa and glanced at Gu Qi first.

Gu Zhou sat on the other side of Gu Qi and asked in a low and hoarse voice, "Are you feeling better?"

Gu Qi looked up at Gu Zhou and silently hid his phone behind him. Only then did he nod.

Gu Zhou naturally didn't notice Gu Qi's small actions. His gaze landed on Qiao Nian's face and he said, "Let's go. We'll set off now!"

Qiao Nian was slightly stunned. She looked up at Gu Zhou and asked in confusion, "So early?"

"Yeah."

At this moment, the butler handed the packed bread and milk to Qiao Nian and said respectfully, "Doctor Qiao, breakfast has been prepared for you!"

Qiao Nian glanced at the breakfast in her hand. It was only enough for one person. It seemed that Gu Zhou and Gu Qi had already had breakfast. Gu Zhou must have instructed the butler to make these in advance.

"Thank you." Qiao Nian smiled at the butler.

Then, Qiao Nian's gaze landed on Gu Qi's face. She gently rubbed his head and said with a smile, "Xiao Qi, stay at home obediently."

Gu Qi nodded when he heard Qiao Nian's words. Seeing that Qiao Nian and Gu Zhou had left, he looked at their retreating backs, the light in his eyes gradually disappearing.

He wanted to stay with Auntie Nian Nian forever.

But Auntie Nian Nian looked so busy and was often not at home.

At this moment, Qiao Nian walked away a little too quickly to notice Gu Qi's disappointed gaze.

When Qiao Nian and Gu Zhou walked to the middle of the Gu family garden, she gasped and hurriedly said, "I suddenly remembered that I didn't bring my blessing bag. Wait for me in the car. I'll be back soon!"

#### Chapter 694: Strange

As she spoke, Qiao Nian turned around and walked into the villa.

She had just taken a step when her wrist was grabbed.

She turned around and looked at Gu Zhou in confusion. Puzzled, she asked, "What's wrong?"

"I've already asked Chen Qing to bring the blessing bag to the car."

Qiao Nian heaved a sigh of relief, a bright smile appearing on her face. She pulled her arm out of Gu Zhou's grip and walked out with him.

Gu Zhou looked at his empty palm and felt an inexplicable sense of loss.

When the two of them walked to the entrance of the villa, Chen Qing had already prepared the car.

Chen Qing handed an exquisite wooden box to Qiao Nian and smiled. "Madam, this is your blessing bag."

Qiao Nian was slightly stunned. Her gaze was attracted to the wooden box. She carefully took it from Chen Qing.

This wooden box was made of rosewood. There was a phoenix engraved on it, and emerald green jade beads were inlaid around the box.

Qiao Nian carefully touched the phoenix on it. This box must be expensive.

She had never expected Gu Zhou to be so meticulous as to prepare such a good box for her to store the blessing bag.

Qiao Nian smiled at Gu Zhou and said in admiration, "I was still thinking about which box to use to store the blessing bag. I chose three or four boxes, but I wasn't satisfied. Only the box you prepared for me is good!"

Gu Zhou's gaze fell on Qiao Nian's face, which was filled with a happy and bright smile.

That showed that Qiao Nian was telling the truth. She really liked this box.

Gu Zhou couldn't help but frown. He narrowed his eyes slightly, his gaze even deeper. His thin lips pursed into a pale line.

Chen Qing, who was standing at the side, looked at Qiao Nian with a complicated expression. He wondered if Madam would still be smiling so happily if she knew about the relationship between the eldest daughter of the Lu family and Second Master.

He was just an outsider. He shouldn't say anything else.

Gu Zhou's frown deepened. In the end, he asked, "Do you no longer remember what I told you last night?"

Qiao Nian blinked, her beautiful fox-like eyes sparkling. She said innocently, "I remember."

Gu Zhou's Adam's apple bobbed. His voice became even colder. "Sure."

Qiao Nian looked at Gu Zhou in confusion, not knowing why Gu Zhou was unhappy.

"What's wrong? Did I say something wrong?"

"No."

As Gu Zhou spoke, he opened the car door and got in.

Puzzled, Qiao Nian watched as Gu Zhou got into the car from the other side. She sat in the back seat and smiled. "Thank you for helping me prepare such a beautiful box!"

She didn't understand how this man could be so petty. She had just forgotten to thank him, and he was already angry.

For some reason, she felt that Gu Zhou's expression darkened.

Seeing Chen Qing get into the car, Gu Zhou said coldly, "Are you waiting for me to drive you?"

Chen Qing immediately straightened his back, stiffly buckled his seatbelt, and hurriedly started the car.

He hadn't done anything. Why was Second Young Master angry again?

Second Young Master was still in a good mood this morning. Why had his mood suddenly changed?

The man's mood changed like the weather in June.

He drove silently, not daring to say another word.

At the Lu residence.

At this moment, Matriarch Lu was sitting on the sofa in the living room with a miserable expression. Her eyes were dim as she looked at the busy servants, but her mind was filled with thoughts of her eldest granddaughter.

At this moment, Lu Qi was standing at the side with a serious expression instructing the servants.

The Lu family was shrouded in deep sorrow, except for the two people in Lu Zhu's study.

Lu Zhu and Lu Nian were especially happy today because their sister would be coming over today.

At the thought of their sister, the two of them couldn't help but smile.

Lu Nian smiled but could no longer smile. He walked to Lu Zhu's side and asked in a low voice, "Brother, are we really not going to tell Grandma? If Grandma finds out that our sister is still alive and we're still hiding this, she'll definitely be angry. She might even use the family law!"

"It's just breaking a leg. It's not a big deal. When the time comes, the two of us will stay in the hospital together and take care of each other in the ward, right?" Lu Zhu said casually, looking indifferent.

## Chapter 695: She's Here

Hearing Lu Zhu's words, Lu Nian's expression froze for a moment. Then, he seemed to have thought of something and his eyes lit up. "Yes, when that happens, Sister can come and take care of us often!"

At that time, he would have more time to interact with his sister.

Lu Nian really regretted it. If he had found his sister earlier, he could have been with her often.

Who asked his sister to marry Second Brother?

Lu Nian's eyes darted around. He suddenly realized something. He could move directly to the Gu family. At that time, he could spend time with his sister.

Let Big Brother suffer from missing his sister alone!

If his leg was really broken in the future, he would have even more reason to be with his sister for a long time.

At this moment, there was a knock on the study door, followed by the butler's voice.

"Eldest Young Master, Second Young Master, Second Young Master Gu and Miss Qiao have arrived!"

When Lu Nian heard the butler's voice, he immediately stood up and hurriedly said, "Got it. Go ahead!"

When Lu Nian heard the footsteps outside fade away, he heaved a sigh of relief.

Lu Nian walked to a mirror beside the study and straightened his clothes. He straightened his hair.

Lu Nian turned to look at Lu Zhu not far away and asked, "Brother, how do I look?"

Lu Zhu put the signed document aside and stood up to walk up to Lu Nian. He glanced at him from head to toe and said indifferently, "You're dressed very well, but shouldn't you suppress the smile on your face?"

Lu Nian looked into the mirror and pursed his lips. He felt that he was almost done practicing. Just as he was about to call Lu Zhu to leave with him, he suddenly thought of something and asked in confusion, "If I remember correctly, Second Brother seemed to have set a time limit for Sugar?"

"Yes." With Lu Nian's reminder, Lu Zhu remembered.

Lu Nian's tense mouth instantly curved up as he said happily, "I've already called him Second Brother for so many years. What goes around comes around. Now, let's wait for him to call me Second Brother!"

Since his sister had married him, Gu Zhou would address him as his sister did.

Lu Zhu looked at Lu Nian's excited expression and reminded him again, "I think you want Grandma to break your legs today!"

Lu Nian's face instantly fell. With a cold expression, he followed Lu Zhu out.

At this moment, at the entrance of the Lu family villa.

Qiao Nian got out of the car. Her gaze fell on the door of the Lu family villa, and her heart began to race.

When she first came here, she had wanted to accompany Matriarch Gu to celebrate the anniversary of the Lu family's eldest daughter's death.

At that time, she had thought that the eldest daughter of the Lu family was really pitiful. Those people who kidnapped the eldest daughter of the Lu family were really evil to the core. They did not even let a child off.

The first time she came here, she sympathized with the eldest daughter of the Lu family.

This time, when she stood at the door, she sighed.

She had never expected her to be the eldest daughter of the Lu family.

If her brother hadn't been injured in MY, she probably wouldn't have been able to find her family for the rest of her life.

It was impossible for the Lu family to search for a dead person everywhere.

Qiao Nian looked at the Lu family's door. She felt a vague sense of familiarity, and a sense of belonging.

"Hand."

Gu Zhou's low and hoarse voice came from the side, interrupting Qiao Nian's thoughts.

Qiao Nian came back to her senses. She turned her head and saw Gu Zhou with his left hand in his pocket, his right hand raised slightly, as if asking her to hold his hand.

Qiao Nian frowned slightly.

Today was the anniversary of Eldest Miss Lu's death. This wasn't a wedding. Why did they have to hold hands?

Besides, shouldn't such an occasion be more serious?

Qiao Nian was about to ignore Gu Zhou's small actions and enter when her waist suddenly tightened. By the time she came back to her senses, Gu Zhou had already pulled her into his arms.

When her body collided with Gu Zhou's, her heart began to race. The image of Zhou Zhou kissing her last night flashed across her mind again.

Her mind was filled with that image now, and she couldn't help but blush.



## Chapter 696: Declaring Sovereignty

Oh no.

Now, every time she came into close contact with Gu Zhou, she would think of some messy things.

Chen Qing, who had been standing behind Gu Zhou and Qiao Nian, saw Second Master's actions. He opened his mouth slightly, then silently closed it.

His Second Young Master was so domineering today, as if he was announcing that Second Young Madam was his wife.

Sigh.

Didn't the Lu family already know that Second Young Master was married?

Second Young Master was probably doing this to warn Eldest Young Master Lu not to think about Second Young Madam anymore.

However, he was a little puzzled.

Second Young Master was here today to attend the death anniversary of his ex-fiancée, the eldest daughter of the Lu family. Now, not only did he bring his current wife to attend the death anniversary, but he also pretended to be intimate with her.

Would the Lu family really not care?

Gu Zhou walked in with Qiao Nian in his arms. Chen Qing walked behind with the box in his hand.

When the three of them walked to the middle of the Lu family garden, Lu Zhu and Lu Nian walked out of the room.

When the two of them saw Gu Zhou and Qiao Nian, they were both stunned.

Lu Nian's gaze fell on Gu Zhou's hand, which was wrapped around Qiao Nian's waist. His eyes were filled with surprise.

Had Second Brother recovered from his phobia of women?

Or could it be that their Sugar was so charming that she directly cured Gu Zhou's illness?

Lu Nian's mind raced, and he didn't know what to say.

Lu Zhu looked at Gu Zhou hugging Qiao Nian's waist and frowned slightly. Gu Zhou was clearly taking advantage of Sugar!

Qiao Nian didn't think too much about it. A sweet smile appeared on her face as she greeted, "Brother Zhu, Brother Ah Nian!"

She had just greeted them when she was pulled into Gu Zhou's arms. She looked up at Gu Zhou in confusion and met his deep eyes.

His eyes seemed to speak, silently warning her not to get too close to other men.

Qiao Nian blinked innocently, looking helpless.

She sensed Gu Zhou's hand holding her waist and his thumb rubbing her waist, making her feel a little itchy. She couldn't lose her temper.

For some reason, she felt that Gu Zhou was jealous.

She slowly lowered her gaze, her heart in a mess. She recalled Gu Zhou saying that he liked her that night.

"Sister Nian!"

"Sister Nian!"

Lu Zhu and Lu Nian shouted at the same time.

In order to protect Sugar's identity, the two of them didn't dare to call Qiao Nian "Sugar" outside.

The two of them sounded exceptionally happy. They didn't look sad at all.

Gu Zhou glanced at Lu Zhu and Lu Nian indifferently. His gaze finally landed on Lu Zhu's face, and his eyes darkened.

Lu Zhu met Gu Zhou's gaze. His expression was calm as he said, "Come in!"

Gu Zhou and Qiao Nian followed her in.

At this moment, a young girl stood not far from the garden. She was wearing a white dress, and her hair was disheveled. Her gaze was fixed on Gu Zhou's hand, which was wrapped around Qiao Nian's waist. She frowned.

She clenched her fists tightly, her nails digging into her palms.

After a long while, she let go and pinched off a rose in anger.

She tore off the petals of the roses one by one and threw them to the ground.

She watched as Gu Zhou and Qiao Nian left, her eyes red with anger.

The pitiful petals of the roses had all been removed. She stepped on them.

It seemed that Brother Ah Zhou had long forgotten about her.

She had been by his side for so long, but he had never taken her seriously.

Brother Ah Zhou was especially good at lying. He clearly said that he had an aversion to women and didn't allow anyone to approach him. Now, he had taken the initiative to hug that little b\*tch's waist, completely ignoring the gazes of others.

Why?

What was wrong with her?

She had given up everything for Brother Ah Zhou, but she had lost everything.

At this moment, she felt the air around her thin. It was a little suffocating.

What pained her the most was that when Brother Ah Zhou and Qiao Nian stood together, they were really a handsome man and a beautiful woman. They were a perfect match.

If the person standing beside Brother Ah Zhou was her, they would definitely be more compatible.

How could Qiao Nian, that little b\*tch from the countryside, be able to meet Brother Ah Zhou, while she could only live like a rat?

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She refused to concede defeat.

It was all Qiao Nian's fault.

Qiao Nian had stolen everything that had originally belonged to her. She had to get everything back.

“Jiang Yue.”

A sweet voice rang out from the side, interrupting Jiang Yue's thoughts.

Jiang Yue took a deep breath and instantly retracted all her thoughts. A sweet and adorable smile appeared on her face as she turned around. "Sister Song Yu."

Song Yu was wearing a black knee-length dress today, revealing her sexy collarbone, but she looked a little tired.

Song Yu walked up to Jiang Yue and said softly, "I went to the bathroom just now, but I couldn't find you. I thought you had gone home."

Jiang Yue hurriedly revealed a faint smile and walked up to Song Yu. She took Song Yu's arm and said softly, "If I leave, I have to tell Sister Song Yu first. Moreover, today is a special day. I also want to offer incense to the eldest daughter of the Lu family."

Ever since Jiang Yue had been chased out of the Gu family, she had been hiding everywhere. She knew that Matriarch Gu would be coming to the Lu family today, so she couldn't wait to look for Song Yu.

She was just telling Jiang Yue that there was some misunderstanding between her and Grandma. Grandma was angry with her now, so she had temporarily separated from Grandma. She wanted to take the opportunity to reconcile with Grandma today.

The Gu and Lu families had a good relationship. Jiang Yue and Song Yu had grown up together, so Song Yu did not doubt Jiang Yue's words.

"Grandma Gu might arrive a little later. I'll tell you when she does." Song Yu held Jiang Yue's hand and walked in, instructing in a low voice, "When Grandma Gu leaves, talk to her properly. I believe she won't be angry with you anymore."

"Okay." Jiang Yue lowered her gaze and nodded obediently.

"Then come with me now. There are a lot of things to do today, so I might not be able to take good care of you. Why don't you stay in my bedroom?" Song Yu was also busy with the anniversary of the death of the eldest daughter of the Lu family. If Jiang Yue hadn't grown up with her, she definitely wouldn't have entertained her at this time.

"Sister Song Yu, just go about your business. Don't worry about me. I'm familiar with the Lu family too. I can take care of myself," Jiang Yue said softly.

Song Yu thought that Jiang Yue often came to the Lu family, and that she was very sensible. Nothing should happen.

Suddenly, Song Yu seemed to have thought of something. She pursed her lips slightly and looked up at Jiang Yue. "By the way, I heard that Qiao Nian lives in the Gu residence?"

Hearing Song Yu's question, Jiang Yue's frown deepened.

Song Yu looked at Jiang Yue in surprise and asked in confusion, "What's wrong? Did I say something wrong?"

Jiang Yue pursed her lips aggrievedly, tears welling up in her eyes. She shook her head gently and said pitifully, "Qiao Nian likes Brother Ah Zhou. Moreover, Grandma and I had a misunderstanding this time, and she was the one who played tricks behind our backs. She wanted to chase me out of the Gu family and marry Brother Ah Zhou!"

"Huh?"

"Sister Song Yu, I'm telling the truth!"

Song Yu's eyes flashed, but she pretended to be puzzled. "I was just wondering if there was any misunderstanding between the two of you. I don't think she's that kind of person!"

"Sister Song Yu, one can't judge a book by its cover but perhaps I'm overthinking!"

Song Yu reached out and held Jiang Yue's arm as they walked in. She comforted her, "Actually, it's normal for the elders to have some disagreements with us. Don't think too much. Old people need to be coaxed. As long as you make Grandma Gu happy, she won't be angry with you!"

When Jiang Yue heard Song Yu's words, she recalled her grandmother's determined expression that night. Her eyes instantly darkened, but she still replied, "Okay!"

Jiang Yue followed Song Yu in. After taking two steps, she seemed to have thought of something. She looked at Song Yu hesitantly, then lowered her head.

Song Yu naturally noticed Jiang Yue's gaze. She asked curiously, "What's wrong with you? Why can't you tell me directly? We're good friends!"

## Chapter 698: Sowing Discord

When Jiang Yue heard Song Yu's words, she stopped in her tracks. She looked at Song Yu seriously and met her beautiful amber eyes. She said solemnly, "Sister Song Yu, I think Qiao Nian seems to like Brother Ah Nian too!"

The sky was high and refreshing today. A breeze blew past, and the fragrance of flowers wafted from the garden.

When Song Yu heard Jiang Yue's words, she was slightly stunned and couldn't help but frown. She asked in surprise, "Didn't you just say that the person Qiao Nian likes is

Brother Ah Zhou? Why did you say that she likes Second Brother? Why does that sound a little confusing?”

Jiang Yue shook her head gently and said uncertainly, “I don’t know what to say either. I’ve always thought that a girl can only like one man, but Qiao Nian seems to like two men. I can tell that she cares a lot about Brother Ah Zhou and likes him too. Otherwise, she wouldn’t have thought that I was redundant in the Gu family and chased me out.”

“If she didn’t like Brother Ah Zhou, why would she make Grandma keep a distance from me?”

When Song Yu heard Jiang Yue’s words, she was so frightened that her lips parted slightly, her eyes filled with disbelief.

Jiang Yue sighed softly and continued, “Moreover, last night, she went out to meet Brother Ah Nian at Yongan Building. She only returned home at two or three in the evening!”

Jiang Yue deliberately didn’t say that Gu Zhou had brought Qiao Nian home.

She wanted Song Yu to misunderstand that Qiao Nian had an improper relationship with Lu Nian.

As long as she could successfully sow discord between Song Yu and Qiao Nian, Song Yu would help her deal with Qiao Nian.

Jiang Yue felt that she was relatively weak. With one more person, she had a higher chance of winning.

When Song Yu heard Jiang Yue’s words, she was stunned. Her pupils involuntarily dilated, and her eyes were filled with surprise. Her voice trembled as she said, “Are you sure they met at Yongan Building?”

When Jiang Yue heard Song Yu’s anxious voice, she looked up at her.

Song Yu had indeed taken the bait.

Jiang Yue nodded and said seriously, “I had a classmate who went to the forensic department after she graduated. That day, I happened to go to play with her, and I saw Qiao Nian walking into Yongan Building with Brother Ah Nian!”

How was this possible?

Song Yu’s face turned pale, and her breathing quickened.

It was impossible for Brother Ah Nian to bring outsiders to Yongan Building.

This was because the Yongan Building hid the most important secret in Second Brother's heart.

Every time Brother Ah Nian wanted to write a song, he would go to Yongan Building and lock himself in that small room.

When she was young, she didn't understand why Second Brother had to stay in that room to write good songs.

On the day that children were curious, she took advantage of Second Brother's absence to run into that small room alone.

The door of the small room was made of old wooden planks. There were many scratches on the wooden planks. This door was incompatible with the decoration style of the entire piano room.

At that time, she felt that Second Brother's secret was hidden behind this door, so she pushed it open and walked in.

The moment she pushed the door open and saw the old decorations inside, she frowned slightly. Her gaze fell on the old piano.

She had seen this piano in photos before. This was the piano Second Brother used to practice his singing when he was young.

Song Yu's gaze inadvertently fell on the score on the piano, and her eyes lit up.

This should be Second Brother's new song.

Song Yu hummed a few lines according to the score. She felt that this song was very pleasant to the ear, and it seemed to contain a healing aura.

This song was simply too beautiful.

When the time came, she hurriedly placed the score on the piano, sat in front of it, and began to play this song.

A beautiful sound came from the piano. One could vaguely feel the warmth in the song.

Song Yu was a little immersed in the song.

At this moment, the door suddenly opened violently, pulling Song Yu out of the beautiful music.

The music stopped abruptly.

Song Yu turned to look at the door and saw Second Brother walking towards her angrily.

#### Chapter 699: Secret

She stood up nervously and stood uneasily at the side. Just as she was about to explain, she saw her second brother, who had always been a clean freak, take off his coat and hold it in his hand. He was frantically wiping the spot where she had once sat, as if he was wiping some rare treasure.

Second Brother had completely lost his usual elegance and gentlemanliness. All that was left was madness.

That's right. Second Brother was frantically wiping the spot where she had once sat.

"Second Brother..."

At that time, Song Yu only let out a cry. Then, she met Second Brother's beast-like eyes, as if if she said another word, Second Brother would eat her up like a wild beast.

She was dumbfounded.

Before she could regain her senses, Song Yu was thrown out by Second Brother.

At that time, Second Brother had even warned her fiercely not to enter this room again.

Song Yu looked at her second brother in fear and unease, but she saw the disgust in his eyes. It was as if she was a dirty thing that no one wanted and was not worthy of touching the things in his room.

Song Yu had a feeling that if she entered that room again, she might really be killed by Second Brother.

At that time, Song Yu was still young. Fear surrounded her, so she sat outside and cried. Only when the nanny came to look for her did she leave with the nanny.

After she grew up, Song Yu learned from the servants that that room was the favorite place of the eldest daughter of the Lu family when she was alive.

The piano and seats Song Yu had touched were also Eldest Miss Lu's favorite furniture.

It was only from that moment that Song Yu knew who the most important person in Second Brother's heart was.



Song Yu lowered her gaze, her eyes filled with sorrow.

She knew that no matter how long the eldest daughter of the Lu family had been gone, Second Brother would always leave a place for her in his heart.

That room carried the memories of Second Brother and the eldest daughter of the Lu family. Second Brother would never let anyone else go in, let alone any woman enter that room.

She felt that Qiao Nian had probably only gone to Second Brother's piano room. As for that small room, Qiao Nian wasn't qualified to enter it.

Song Yu felt that Second Brother's future wife was not qualified to enter that room either.

The thought of Second Brother getting married in the future made her feel a little uncomfortable, and her breathing became a little erratic.

Song Yu hurriedly threw these messy thoughts to the back of her mind. She looked up at Jiang Yue and smiled lightly. "Let's not interfere in Qiao Nian's affairs anymore. It's her freedom to choose who she likes. It's getting late. Let's go pray for Eldest Sister as soon as possible!"

When she heard Song Yu's words, Jiang Yue's throat tightened, and a trace of anxiety flashed in her eyes.

Why wasn't Song Yu anxious?

If she wasn't wrong, the person Song Yu liked should be Lu Nian.

If Song Yu didn't join forces with her, she wouldn't be able to deal with Qiao Nian alone.

When Jiang Yue thought of how she had been chased out of the Gu family by Qiao Nian, she felt even worse.

Qiao Nian had ruined her life and everything she had. Qiao Nian had stolen everything from her.

She would never let Qiao Nian off.

Why could Song Yu pretend to be so calm?

Could it be that Song Yu had hidden all her dissatisfaction?

That made sense. Song Yu was a celebrity and an actress. She must be very good at acting.

Jiang Yue had a feeling that Song Yu and Qiao Nian would also fight to the death in the future.

In the Lu family's living room.

The servant poured two cups of tea for Gu Zhou and Qiao Nian, then lowered her head and left.

Lu Nian happened to be sitting opposite Qiao Nian. His gaze fell on Qiao Nian's face and her eyebrows. At this moment, he realized that Qiao Nian and Lu Qi roughly looked alike. However, Lu Qi's eyes looked innocent, while Qiao Nian's eyes were so beautiful that one would sink into them.

Not only that, but Lu Nian also noticed that Qiao Nian's temperament was very similar to his mother's.

He had always thought that Qiao Nian looked familiar, but he had never thought that they were siblings.

Fortunately, they had acknowledged their sister.

Otherwise, they might have brushed shoulders with their sister for the rest of their lives.

Lu Nian looked at Qiao Nian sitting obediently on the sofa. In a daze, he seemed to have returned to more than twenty years ago.

#### Chapter 700: Heartache for Sister

At that time, Qiao Nian would always complain that she wanted to watch cartoons. Every time he played cartoons for her, she would sit obediently on the sofa, giving off a peaceful feeling.

Lu Nian came back to his senses and sighed slightly.

They missed their sister. It was a pity that they had not grown up with her for more than twenty years.

Gu Zhou had been sitting beside Qiao Nian. He also noticed Lu Nian's gaze, and a trace of confusion flashed in his eyes.

Gu Zhou's gaze darted to Lu Nian and Lu Zhu's faces.

Only then did he realize that Lu Zhu and Lu Nian were looking at Qiao Nian the same way.

Gu Zhou couldn't help but grip the teacup in his hand tightly. In order to hide his displeasure, he picked up the teacup and took a sip.

He slowly placed the teacup on the table again.

Lu Zhu and Lu Nian looked at Qiao Nian with gentleness and pity. There seemed to be a trace of care in their eyes.

Previously, he had always thought that Lu Zhu had a life-and-death relationship with Qiao Nian, so every time Lu Zhu looked at Qiao Nian, he would look at her strangely. But why had Lu Nian become like this?

Even if the entire world betrayed him, Lu Nian would not.

However, the way Lu Nian looked at Qiao Nian became even more brazen.

A meaningful look flashed across Gu Zhou's eyes.

In order to verify his guess, he coughed lightly.

When Lu Nian heard Gu Zhou cough, he hurriedly looked at his face and asked with concern, "Second Brother, are you feeling unwell? Do you have a cold?"

Gu Zhou lowered his eyes slightly. He could tell that Lu Nian was still very concerned about him.

Seeing that Gu Zhou's face had turned even paler, the worry in his eyes became more and more obvious. Lu Nian turned around and walked out, saying, "I'll call the doctor at home now!"

"I'm fine." Gu Zhou stopped Lu Nian. Seeing that he had stopped, his gaze fell on Qiao Nian's face again. "She's the doctor. It's fine as long as she's here."

Lu Nian turned to look at Gu Zhou, frowning slightly. "But now..."

"It's really nothing. Don't worry!"

Qiao Nian was also looking at Gu Zhou. Her gaze was sizing up Gu Zhou's face. His face was pale, and he looked a little uncomfortable.

For some reason, Qiao Nian recalled that Gu Zhou had been switching personalities frequently recently. She regretted not persuading Gu Zhou to rest in the Gu family villa.

If Gu Zhou changed his personality again today, she would bring him home directly.

With this thought in mind, Qiao Nian looked up at Lu Nian and said, "Brother Ah Nian, you don't have to worry. I'll take good care of him!"

Hearing Qiao Nian's words, Lu Nian's eyes darkened. He looked at Qiao Nian with heartache.

In the past, he had always hoped that Second Brother would recover soon.

But now, he hoped that a miracle would happen. If Second Brother recovered in an instant, Sugar wouldn't have to work so hard to take care of him.

Lu Zhu put down the teacup in his hand and raised his left hand to look at the time on his wrist. "It's getting late. Let's go to the Buddhist hall now!"

As Lu Zhu spoke, he stood up. Gu Zhou and Qiao Nian also stood up.

Qiao Nian followed Gu Zhou. Her heart was in a mess. She had never been so nervous in the past.

At the thought of seeing her biological grandmother and sister this time, her heart began to race.

Right, she wondered if Third Brother would be home this time.

She really liked Third Brother's personality!

Filled with anticipation, Qiao Nian followed everyone towards the temple hall.

Gu Zhou walked beside Qiao Nian, his attention all on her. When he saw Qiao Nian's careful and expectant expression, a complicated look flashed in his eyes.

He still remembered how Qiao Nian had looked when she first came to the Gu family villa.

At that time, Qiao Nian was in high spirits and looked calm. She didn't look like this at all.

This was the first time he had seen Qiao Nian like this.

With this thought in mind, Gu Zhou lowered his head slightly and asked in a voice that only the two of them could hear, "Are you feeling unwell?"

When Qiao Nian heard Gu Zhou's words, her heart instantly rose to her throat. In the end, she slowly fell back to her original spot.

She was looking forward to meeting her family too much. Perhaps it was because of this that her current behavior was very abnormal. Even Gu Zhou had already discovered that she was a little abnormal.

If those people had spies in the Lu family, it would be terrible if they noticed her abnormality and found out that she already knew her true identity.

At that time, she would be in danger. She might even bring the entire Lu family into danger.

Qiao Nian lowered her gaze, her eyes filled with complicated emotions. In order to protect her family, she absolutely couldn't give herself away.

At this thought, Qiao Nian shook her head and said, "I'm fine."

Gu Zhou didn't speak. He looked at Qiao Nian with a complicated expression.

After walking for about ten minutes, the three of them arrived at the Buddhist hall.

This was Qiao Nian's second time here.

She looked at the courtyard filled with flowers, then at the house that looked like a fairytale castle. Her heart was filled with complicated emotions.

Everyone in the Lu family really doted on the eldest daughter of the Lu family and gave her things girls liked.

Qiao Nian followed everyone into the house. At a glance, she saw the dejected Matriarch Lu.

Matriarch Lu's hair had turned white. She looked tired and sad. Her eyes were red and bloodshot, as if she had not slept for a long time.

Qiao Nian felt a little stuffy in her chest.

If those things hadn't happened back then, she might have been happy. Matriarch Lu wouldn't have become so sad.

Lu Qi stood beside Matriarch Lu and lowered her head to speak to her, as if comforting her.

Standing beside Lu Qi was the adopted daughter of the Lu family, Song Yu.

There was a young woman standing beside Song Yu. Her back was facing them. Qiao Nian felt that the woman's back was a little familiar, but she couldn't remember.

Lu Zhu walked to the front and called out, "Grandma."

When Matriarch Lu heard Lu Zhu's voice, she looked up at him, not hiding the sorrow in her eyes at all.

"Yes!" Matriarch Lu said weakly.

At this moment, the young woman standing beside Song Yu turned around.

Her gaze fell on Gu Zhou and Qiao Nian's faces. Her eyes were filled with joy as she greeted them with a gentle smile.

"Brother Ah Zhou, Sister Qiao Nian!"

When Qiao Nian heard Jiang Yue's voice, her stomach churned and she almost vomited.

She had a bad feeling.

Gu Zhou frowned slightly and did not look directly at Jiang Yue.

At this moment, Jiang Yue noticed Gu Zhou's attitude. A trace of sadness flashed across her eyes, but she quickly calmed down. She smiled at Lu Zhu and Lu Nian and greeted them.

Her voice was gentle and pleasant to the ear.

"Brother Lu Zhu, Brother Ah Nian!"

Lu Zhu did not speak. Without even looking at Jiang Yue, he walked towards Matriarch Lu.

Lu Nian looked at Jiang Yue coldly. His thin lips parted slightly as he said casually and sarcastically, "I've already made it very clear before. You have the head of a fish. Your memory is only seven seconds. I've never had a sister like you!"

Jiang Yue's face turned pale. She stood rooted to the ground awkwardly, at a loss.

Lu Zhu stood beside Matriarch Lu. He recalled the information he had found previously. Jiang Yue had framed Sugar for her own selfish reasons.

That was during his speech at the medical school. He didn't know that Qiao Nian was his sister.

At that time, Jiang Yue had mocked Qiao Nian in public and even snatched Sugar's gown.

Although Jiang Yue was the one who embarrassed herself that day, when he thought of what Jiang Yue had done to Sugar, the anger in his chest burned.

Lu Zhu raised his eyebrows slightly and said with a serious expression, "I'll remind you one last time. If you scream again, I'll get the butler to chase you out of the Lu family!"

Lu Zhu's words were not polite at all, not giving Jiang Yue any face.

When Jiang Yue heard Lu Zhu's words, her face turned pale in fear. She bit her lip and looked at Lu Zhu in fear, but she could not say anything.

## Chapter 702: Blessing Bag

How could Jiang Yue not have thought that the Lu brothers would treat her as their enemy just by greeting her?

Could it be that the two of them already knew that she had been chased out by Grandma?

No, this was impossible.

There was no way Grandma would tell anyone about this.

She knew Grandma very well. Although Grandma was very angry and chased her out, Grandma would still give her face in front of outsiders.

Why were Lu Zhu and Lu Nian so fierce to her? She could not figure it out.

When Song Yu heard Lu Zhu and Lu Nian's words, she frowned slightly, a trace of confusion flashing in her eyes.

No matter what, Jiang Yue was a guest she had brought here. Why didn't her brothers give her face this time?

Could it really be for Qiao Nian?

Previously, she had heard from Jiang Yue that Jiang Yue had a conflict with Grandma Gu because of Qiao Nian's evil intentions.

Actually, she was a little skeptical about this matter.

Qiao Nian was just an outsider. Why would Grandma Gu be angry with Jiang Yue over an outsider?

But now, she believed her. Her two brothers despised Jiang Yue because of Qiao Nian.

Song Yu's gaze landed on Qiao Nian's face.

Qiao Nian was very good-looking, and her face was very exquisite. She was even prettier than other female celebrities in the entertainment industry.

With Qiao Nian's natural looks, she would definitely be able to make a name for herself in the entertainment industry.

Could it be that their two brothers were so cold to Jiang Yue because they liked Qiao Nian?

What ability did Qiao Nian have to toy with her two brothers and Gu Zhou?

Song Yu sensed that the atmosphere was very awkward. She hurriedly smiled and said, "It's getting late. Everyone, hurry up and offer incense!"

Matriarch Lu, who was originally immersed in sorrow, also sensed that the atmosphere in the room was a little awkward. She did not want anything to happen on her precious granddaughter's death anniversary, so she said, "Come over and offer incense!"

As Matriarch Lu spoke, she walked in. Qiao Nian followed suit and saw that Matriarch Lu's hair was much fairer than before.

When she walked to the temple hall, Qiao Nian saw Matriarch Lu's heartbroken expression when she saw the urn. Her heart ached.

In Grandma's heart, she had been dead for more than twenty years.

She looked at Grandma with heartache. She didn't understand. "She" had clearly been dead for more than ten years. Why was Grandma still so sad?

Didn't they say that time could dilute all sorrow?

Why did Grandma remain in the past?

Lu Qi was inadvertently seen by Qiao Nian. When she met Qiao Nian's gaze, a trace of confusion flashed in her eyes.

Sister Qiao Nian's eyes looked complicated. There was a faint sadness in them, as if she wanted to say something but hesitated...



However, the only thing she was sure of was that Sister Qiao Nian's eyes were filled with concern for Grandma.

Sister Qiao Nian definitely couldn't bear to see Grandma continue to be sad over her sister's death.

Actually, she also felt that Grandma should move on from her sister's death, but it was as if a wall had been built in Grandma's heart. She refused to let everyone in, and refused to leave that sad memory.

She watched as Qiao Nian's heart ached for her grandmother. It was as if family members were concerned about each other.

Strange.

Sister Qiao Nian shouldn't have anything to do with Grandma. Why did she dote on Grandma so much?

Lu Qi suddenly recalled something. This time, Grandma had asked Sister Qiao Nian to embroider a blessing bag for her sister.

Lu Qi said to Qiao Nian, "Sister Qiao Nian, I heard that you also embroidered a blessing bag for my sister this time?"

Qiao Nian retracted her gaze and her gaze fell on Lu Qi's face. "Yes."

Lu Qi was a lively and cheerful girl.

She still remembered the speech at the medical school. When everyone thought that there was something wrong with her, Lu Qi believed her.

Qiao Nian took the box from Chen Qing and handed it to Lu Qi. "It's in this box."

Hearing everyone talk about the blessing bag, Matriarch Lu's gaze fell on the box.

"Thank you, Sister Qiao Nian." Lu Qi carefully took the box and brought it to Matriarch Lu.

### Chapter 703: Hyacinth

"Grandma, this is Sister's blessing bag." Lu Qi smiled at Matriarch Lu and said gently.

"Alright, alright. Thank you, Miss Qiao!" Matriarch Lu looked up at Qiao Nian and said sincerely.

Qiao Nian smiled and didn't say anything.

Lu Zhu and Lu Nian looked at Qiao Nian with heartache.

Their Sugar actually embroidered a blessing bag for herself.

How sad must their Sugar have been when she embroidered the blessing bun!

Matriarch Lu opened the box. When she saw the blessing bag inside, her eyes lit up and her lips curved up slightly. This was the first time she had smiled today.

Lu Qi was standing beside Matriarch Lu. She looked at the blessing bag and exclaimed, "This blessing bag is really beautiful. It's actually a hyacinth. It's beautiful!"

The hyacinths of various colors on the blessing bag intertwined. They were lifelike and bloomed with vitality, making one unable to help but take a few more glances.

Not far away, Jiang Yue leaned over slightly. When she saw the blessing bag, she was slightly surprised.

Last night, when she sneaked into the Gu family villa, she had wanted to destroy the blessing bag Qiao Nian had prepared.

But she couldn't find it after searching for a long time.

She finally understood now because Qiao Nian had made the blessing bag look like a bouquet.

When she entered the embroidery room, she immediately saw the blessing bag. However, at that time, she thought that it was a bouquet of flowers, so she didn't take it to heart.

She searched the embroidery room but could not find the blessing bag. She could only leave.

Jiang Yue saw Lu Qi carefully take out the blessing bag. If she didn't know that this was a blessing bag, she would really think that Lu Qi was carrying a bouquet of flowers.

She hadn't expected Qiao Nian's embroidery to be so good.

Matriarch Lu looked at the blessing bag lovingly, then her gaze fell on Qiao Nian's face. She asked, "Miss Qiao, your embroidery skills are really good. I wonder how long you've been practicing?"

"I've been learning embroidery since I was young," Qiao Nian said honestly.

Jiang Yue's gaze was fixed on the blessing bag in Lu Qi's hand, and she pursed her lips tightly.

She couldn't let Qiao Nian steal the limelight.

With this thought in mind, Jiang Yue looked up at Qiao Nian and frowned. She asked in disbelief, "Sister Qiao Nian, how could you embroider hyacinths for the eldest daughter of the Lu family? You even specially embroidered a large number of blue, pink, and purple hyacinths?"

Seeing that everyone was looking at her, Jiang Yue mustered her courage and said, "Don't you know their symbolism?"

Everyone saw the concern in Jiang Yue's eyes and heard her words. They thought that the hyacinths were not suitable for the eldest daughter of the Lu family.

Lu Qi looked at Jiang Yue in confusion and frowned slightly. "Doesn't a hyacinth symbolize purity and flawlessness?"

When Matriarch Lu heard Lu Qi's words, she nodded slightly. Her eldest granddaughter was the purest and most flawless person in the world.

When Jiang Yue heard Lu Qi's words, she shook her head gently and said helplessly, "Pure and flawless. That's just the flower symbolism of a white hyacinth. Actually, different colors of hyacinth represent different meanings. Some flower meanings have good meanings, but some..."

When Matriarch Lu heard Jiang Yue's words, she frowned and said in confusion, "If they're all hyacinths, what's the difference?"

When Jiang Yue heard Matriarch Lu's words, she didn't speak immediately. Instead, she looked at Qiao Nian pitifully and asked in a low voice, "Sister Qiao Nian, why don't you tell everyone?"

Qiao Nian's gaze fell on the blessing bag. She couldn't be bothered to waste her breath on someone like Jiang Yue.

Song Yu's eyes flashed. Seeing that the atmosphere in the room was a little awkward, she said, "Jiang Yue, since you know their symbolism, tell me!"

Jiang Yue sighed slightly and said, "The purple hyacinth represents sadness, jealousy, melancholy love, apology, and regret. The blue hyacinth represents melancholy because of love, and also represents chastity. The pink hyacinth represents admiration."

Seeing that everyone's expressions were ugly, Jiang Yue said solemnly, "I just don't think these are suitable for the eldest daughter of the Lu family."

Matriarch Lu's expression turned even uglier. Her expression was so dark that ink could drip from it.

#### Chapter 704: Flower Symbolism

Jiang Yue sighed slightly and said, "The purple hyacinth is filled with sorrow, jealousy, and melancholy. The eldest daughter of the Lu family is just a three-year-old child. She's at the age of innocence. How can she have these emotions? Or do you want her to have these emotions? I mean, who do you want her to be jealous of?"

Seeing that Qiao Nian's expression didn't change, Jiang Yue thought to herself that Qiao Nian was quite persistent. This time, she wanted to see how Qiao Nian would quibble.

"The blue hyacinth represents chastity. The eldest daughter of the Lu family is still young. She's not suitable for dating at her age, but why do you use the word chastity to describe her? Or do you want her to..."

Jiang Yue didn't finish her sentence. She changed the topic and continued, "Pink hyacinths represent admiration and romance. Usually, this is used to describe love! It represents how a girl feels when she has a crush on a boy."

Jiang Yue explained the flower symbolism. Her gaze finally landed on Qiao Nian's face. Seeing that Qiao Nian was still unmoved, she knew in her heart that Qiao Nian was already terrified.

"Sister Qiao Nian, you're deliberately giving her something that's not suitable for the eldest daughter of the Lu family. You're letting an innocent child like her have some messy thoughts. You'll ruin her," Jiang Yue said bitterly.

Seeing that Jiang Yue had no intention of saying anything else, Qiao Nian looked at her coldly.

Hehe!

In order to deal with her, Jiang Yue deliberately made a mountain out of a molehill, then pinned all the strange accusations on her.

Jiang Yue was simply unscrupulous.

If she were in the Gu family instead of the Lu family, she would have asked someone to chase Jiang Yue out long ago.

Lu Qi looked at the pouch in her hand in disbelief. She had never expected such beautiful hyacinths to have such a bad meaning.

How was this possible?

In Lu Qi's world, she felt that the most beautiful things should match the best meaning.

Seeing that Qiao Nian was glaring at her without saying anything, Jiang Yue knew that she had angered Qiao Nian. She pretended to be kind and defended Qiao Nian.

"Sister Qiao Nian, I don't think you know the meaning of hyacinths. That's why you embroidered them."

Hearing Jiang Yue's words, Matriarch Lu's gaze fell on Qiao Nian's face.

Lu Zhu, who was standing at the side, frowned. He looked at Jiang Yue with a complicated expression and regretted not getting someone to chase her out just now.

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Song Yu stood beside Jiang Yue, her expression unchanged. Her gaze landed indifferently on Lu Nian's face.

Jiang Yue glanced at everyone in the room. When she saw that Lu Nian was angry, she felt a trace of smugness.

Now that Brother Ah Nian was angry, it meant that he already believed her.

However, she felt that Brother Ah Nian's eyesight was a little bad. He shouldn't be glaring at her, but at Qiao Nian.

It seemed that her excuse just now had already convinced everyone present.

Just as Qiao Nian was about to speak, Gu Zhou, who was standing beside her, spoke first.

"You are your thoughts. It means that your perception of things shows that your thoughts are dirty." Gu Zhou's voice was as cold and low as ever.

He toyed with the pendant on his thumb, exuding a cold aura.

When Song Yu heard Gu Zhou's words, a trace of surprise flashed in her eyes. She had never expected Gu Zhou to explain for Qiao Nian.

Jiang Yue hadn't expected Gu Zhou to say that either. Her face instantly turned pale in fear, and her voice trembled as she said, "Brother Ah Zhou, don't misunderstand. Actually, that's not what I meant. I just wanted to remind Sister Qiao Nian to..."

"Do I need you to remind me?" Qiao Nian interrupted Jiang Yue mercilessly. She raised her eyebrows slightly, her beautiful fox-like eyes filled with disdain.

"You—"

## Chapter 705: Protecting Her Husband

Qiao Nian hadn't wanted to argue with Jiang Yue, but seeing that Jiang Yue was relentless, she interrupted her without hesitation. There was a hint of impatience in her voice as she said, "Miss Jiang Yue, I'll remind you again. You've already been chased out of the Gu family by Matriarch Gu. From now on, the Gu family has nothing to do with you. Don't call him Brother Ah Zhou anymore. Do you understand?"

The last thing Jiang Yue wanted to mention was spoken out loud by Qiao Nian. Her face instantly turned pale, and her body trembled slightly. For a moment, she couldn't speak.

The reason why Jiang Yue could still walk in high society was entirely because no one knew that she no longer had anything to do with the Gu family.

If everyone knew that she had nothing to do with the Gu family now, they would probably all leave her.

Those who had previously disliked her would take the opportunity to take revenge.

At this moment, she felt a little helpless and stunned.

Gu Zhou's gaze fell on Qiao Nian's face, and the gloom in his eyes gradually disappeared. He looked at Qiao Nian with a smile.

He did not expect his little wife to learn to protect him.

This feeling of being protected by his wife was quite good.

Jiang Yue's gaze inadvertently fell on Gu Zhou's face. Seeing Gu Zhou looking at Qiao Nian gently, the jealousy in her heart was overturned.

Why?

She had been by Brother Ah Zhou's side for so many years.

All this time, no matter what, she had worked hard to make everything perfect. She wanted to receive Brother Ah Zhou's approving gaze.

However, Brother Ah Zhou had always ignored her, as if she did not exist in the Gu family.

But she was the person who cared about Brother Ah Zhou the most in the world.

Why was Brother Ah Zhou with Qiao Nian?

Qiao Nian was just a cunning person.

Jiang Yue said pitifully, "But I'm telling the truth!"

When Qiao Nian heard Jiang Yue's voice, her attention fell on Jiang Yue's face again, and she didn't notice Gu Zhou's gaze at all.

"You don't know much," Qiao Nian said coldly. "Every color of hyacinth has a different symbolism, but when all the colors gather together, it takes on a new meaning."

At this moment, everyone's gaze fell on Qiao Nian's face.

Under everyone's gaze, Qiao Nian said, "The hyacinth flowers bloom around March and April every year. It only blooms for three to four months. After its flowering period, if we want it to bloom again, we will have to cut off the withered flowers. Hence, the hyacinth also represents the love of rebirth and represents the end of pain and suffering of the past. One will begin a new life and find a new love."

Jiang Yue was stunned. Why didn't she know about this?

She hadn't seen any of this when she was investigating. Qiao Nian must have made this up.

Jiang Yue noticed that when Matriarch Lu heard Qiao Nian's words, her brow relaxed, and her eyes were filled with hope.

The others' eyes were also filled with praise for Qiao Nian.

"Good, good, good!" Matriarch Lu said happily. "This blessing bag is really well made!"

Rebirth.

This word was too beautiful.

She now hoped that her eldest granddaughter would be reborn like Hyacinth.

Seeing that the others' impression of her had skyrocketed, Jiang Yue frowned slightly. Soon, she came up with a plan. Pretending to be patient, she said, "Sister Qiao Nian, it's wrong to lie. You shouldn't lie in front of the eldest daughter of the Lu family. What if you lead her astray? Moreover, today is such a serious occasion. Everyone can find out Hyacinth's flower symbolism online. I believe you're not lying on purpose. It's just that I don't think the blessing bag you made is suitable for the eldest daughter of the Lu family!"

Hearing Jiang Yue's words, the coldness in her eyes intensified.

Jiang Yue was no longer making insinuations. She began to say bluntly that she was lying because she wanted to tell everyone that she had no respect for the dead eldest daughter of the Lu family and had ill intentions towards her.

Jiang Yue wanted everyone to think that she was deliberately setting up the eldest daughter of the Lu family.

#### Chapter 706: Rebirth Flower

Qiao Nian cleared her throat and continued, "Everyone knows that I'm a doctor. Moreover, I've raised many expensive plants. In Chinese medicine, hyacinths are very valuable."

"Hyacinths have a unique fragrance. This fragrance can relax the mind, stabilize one's emotions, and relieve one's fatigue. Previously, I made a perfume that was mainly made of hyacinths. Later on, many perfumes on the market were made of hyacinths."

Back when Qiao Nian was locked up in the mental hospital, she had been completely depressed and couldn't control her emotions. At one time, she had even suffered from depression.

After that, she planted some hyacinths to relieve her emotions. Her condition gradually improved. That was when she made the perfume that hyacinths were made of.

When everyone heard Qiao Nian's words, no one questioned her.

Qiao Nian's medical skills were very brilliant.

Previously, when Matriarch Gu had been poisoned, the doctor had already given the diagnosis of a critical illness. It was Qiao Nian who had taken another path to save Matriarch Gu.

Qiao Nian also helped Gu Zhou recuperate. Gu Zhou's health was already much better than before, and the frequency of his relapses was getting lower and lower.



Qiao Nian had even been invited to be a lecturer at the medical school. She had even cultivated medicinal herbs that were worth tens of thousands.

Later on, when Qiao Nian was at the temple, she accidentally bumped into Lu Qi and Matriarch Gu. She could even tell that Matriarch Lu's health wasn't good. At that time, Qiao Nian didn't even take Matriarch Lu's pulse. Just by looking at Matriarch Lu's expression, she was certain that Matriarch Lu was sick.

When Jiang Yue heard Qiao Nian's words, the confusion in her eyes grew more and more obvious. She asked, "Since you know about the Hyacinth so well, you should know its flower symbolism. Then why did you make up a lie and say that it represents rebirth?"

Jiang Yue was also a medical student and knew a lot about Chinese medicine. She knew the value of hyacinths, but no one had ever said that hyacinths represented rebirth.

"In the cultivation world, hyacinths only represent rebirth. As I've said before, its flowering period is only three to four months. If it wants to bloom again, it needs to be trimmed and all the branches that have withered before need to be cut off. Only then can it continue to bloom beautiful flowers, so it represents rebirth!"

Some things could only be understood by professionals.

At this moment, when Jiang Yue heard Qiao Nian's words, she felt a little ashamed of herself.

She had always felt that she was very outstanding. There weren't many girls in this world who were more outstanding than her, but when she faced Qiao Nian, she felt inferior.

Why?

Jiang Yue felt that she had worked very hard in the past.

In the past, she had worked hard to learn how to play the piano and the violin. For Brother Ah Zhou and Grandma's illnesses, she had even specially studied Chinese medicine. She had even studied law.

In the past, she had been forced by her grandmother to study non-stop. She had no freedom. Today, she was doing nothing but studying. However, in the end, she didn't know as much as Qiao Nian, a wild girl.

Everyone's time was the same. Why did Qiao Nian have so much energy to play the violin so well? Her medical skills were also so brilliant. Her status in the cultivation world was also so high.

Previously, she had heard that the stone wall painting Qiao Nian had drawn when she was in her teens had shocked the entire An City.

Why did the heavens treat Qiao Nian so well?

She refused to concede defeat.

Jiang Yue's lips moved slightly as she said, "I think you're lying about the Hyacinth..."

"Shut up!" Matriarch Lu interrupted Jiang Yue mercilessly, her eyes tinged with anger.

When Jiang Yue heard Matriarch Lu's words, she was so frightened that her heart skipped a beat. She looked at Matriarch Lu in disbelief and said, "Grandma Lu, actually, I just wanted to say..."

Suppressing her anger, Matriarch Lu looked at Jiang Yue with disappointment. She had watched Jiang Yue grow up.

She had never expected Jiang Yue to insist on causing trouble on the anniversary of her eldest granddaughter's death.

Matriarch Lu frowned and asked, "Enough, stop talking!"

"Grandma Lu, I'm doing this for the sake of the eldest daughter of the Lu family!"

## Chapter 707: Sophistry

"For my Sugar's sake?" At Matriarch Lu's age, how could she not tell that Jiang Yue was deliberately at odds with Qiao Nian?

The matters of the younger generation had nothing to do with her, and she did not want to know.

However, she would never allow Jiang Yue to make things difficult for Qiao Nian on purpose using her eldest granddaughter.

"I'm really doing this for the sake of the eldest daughter of the Lu family!" Jiang Yue explained weakly.

"If you really want what's best for her, why did you say things like jealousy and sadness?" Matriarch Lu said viciously.

Jiang Yue was so frightened that a chill ran down her spine. She hurriedly shook her head and said aggrievedly, "Grandma Lu, I didn't mean that. I didn't mean to..."

“Grand... Didn’t the Matriarch just repeat what you said just now?” Qiao Nian really didn’t want to see Jiang Yue spout nonsense, so she cut off Jiang Yue’s words.

Perhaps it was because she was too anxious, but she almost called Matriarch Lu Grandma.

Fortunately, she changed her words in time.

At the thought of this, Qiao Nian heaved a sigh of relief. If she really called Matriarch Lu Grandma, those people might be suspicious.

Although Qiao Nian had barely said out the word, Matriarch Lu still heard Qiao Nian’s words. A trace of surprise flashed in her eyes. Her gaze fell on Qiao Nian’s familiar face, and a strange emotion gradually welled up in her heart.

If she wasn’t wrong, she wanted to call her “Grandma” just now...

The others didn’t notice Qiao Nian’s slip of the tongue. Even Jiang Yue didn’t notice.

Jiang Yue couldn’t wait to explain to Matriarch Lu. “Grandma Lu, I really didn’t know that the Hyacinth had such a beautiful meaning. What I read on the Internet previously might not be comprehensive. I’m really sorry!”

Matriarch Lu looked at Jiang Yue coldly, exuding a dignified aura. “Jiang Yue, if you’re here to send blessings to my eldest granddaughter today, you’re welcome to stay here. If not, please leave immediately!”

Jiang Yue was stunned. She bit her lip and looked at Song Yu helplessly.

Song Yu hesitated for a moment and took a step forward to help Jiang Yue out of the situation. “Grandma, Jiang Yue didn’t do it on purpose. Previously, she was doing it for Sister’s sake. I don’t think Sister will blame her.”

Seeing that Matriarch Lu’s expression had softened a little, Song Yu continued, “Today is Sister’s death anniversary. I think she definitely wants to see our family get along better!”

When Jiang Yue heard Song Yu’s words, she looked grateful and nodded vigorously.

Song Yu was obedient. Matriarch Lu also liked Song Yu a lot. She had lived for so long, so she naturally understood what Song Yu meant.

Song Yu and Jiang Yue were both adopted children. Moreover, because they were in similar situations, they understood each other.

No matter what, Jiang Yue was still a member of the Gu family. Let's forget about this matter!

Matriarch Lu gave Jiang Yue a meaningful look. She only hoped that Jiang Yue had said those words purely for Sugar's sake.

However, this would not happen again.

Matriarch Lu raised her hand and waved it gently. She sighed and said, "Forget it, this matter will be over!"

Matriarch Lu really couldn't say that this was a misunderstanding. If she said that, she would probably hurt Qiao Nian's heart.

After all, Qiao Nian had worked hard to embroider the blessing bag. This blessing bag must have cost her a lot of effort.

When Jiang Yue heard Matriarch Lu's words, her heart, which had been in her throat, slowly relaxed.

She hurriedly said obediently, "Thank you, Grandma Lu, for not fussing over it."

With that, Jiang Yue prepared to offer incense to the eldest daughter of the Lu family.

Gu Zhou's expression instantly turned cold. He hurriedly stopped Jiang Yue and said, "Wait."

The smile on Jiang Yue's face gradually froze. She turned to look at Gu Zhou, her eyes flickering. She had a bad feeling about this and asked, "Brother Ah Zhou, what's wrong?"

When Gu Zhou heard Jiang Yue's words, his frown deepened. His expression turned serious as he asked, "Have you forgotten your identity again?"

Jiang Yue blinked in confusion.

"You forgot the reminder she gave you!"

Chapter 708: Mr. Gu...

Jiang Yue's face was pale. She bit her lip. She felt as if a slap had landed on her face.

Brother Ah Zhou meant that she was no longer allowed to call him Brother Ah Zhou.

Jiang Yue's heart felt as if it had been stabbed by a sharp blade.

Gu Zhou ignored Jiang Yue's pitiful gaze. His voice was chilling.

"Do you need me to repeat myself?"

Jiang Yue's eyes instantly turned red, and tears welled up in her eyes. She cried out pitifully, "Mr... Mr. Gu..."

At this moment, Jiang Yue could feel her heart, which was riddled with holes, shattering into countless pieces that fell to the ground.

Lu Zhu glanced at Jiang Yue, then his gaze fell on Gu Zhou's face again. He nodded approvingly.

At this moment, Lu Nian was stunned.

He had always lived in the Gu family in the past. He had the most contact with Gu Zhou.

He knew that Second Brother had an aversion to women and disliked to interact with any woman.

He was already very shocked when he saw Second Brother hugging Sugar's waist.

However, he had never expected Second Brother, who kept a low profile, to protect Sugar in public.

Could it be that Second Brother had really fallen for Sugar?

Realizing this, Lu Nian's eyes were filled with smiles.

Song Yu was so shocked that her heart was about to jump out of her mouth.

She often went to the Gu residence to play and knew Gu Zhou well. In the past, her brothers had never allowed her to interact with Gu Zhou. They even said that Gu Zhou had an aversion to women. If she approached Gu Zhou, it would be bad if Gu Zhou fell ill.

However, she had never expected Gu Zhou to be so close to Qiao Nian. Qiao Nian was only his private doctor.

Song Yu looked into Gu Zhou's eyes. She was completely certain that Gu Zhou had a strong desire to protect Qiao Nian.

Gu Zhou spoke again. "Apologize!"

When Jiang Yue heard Gu Zhou's words, her eyes widened involuntarily. She looked at Gu Zhou in disbelief.

Grandma Lu had already stopped pursuing her mistakes. Why was Brother Ah Zhou still...

"Apologize to her now!"

Jiang Yue's pupils instantly dilated. She didn't expect Brother Ah Zhou to be so persistent.

"Ah..."

Jiang Yue had just called out when she was suddenly frightened by Gu Zhou's cold gaze. She hurriedly corrected herself. "Mr. Gu, I really didn't do it on purpose this time."

When Gu Zhou heard Jiang Yue's words, he raised his eyebrows slightly and narrowed his eyes. If looks could kill, Jiang Yue would have died a million times over.

"That means you did it on purpose."

When Lu Nian heard Gu Zhou's words, he casually added, "Since you did it on purpose, apologize!"

Lu Zhu glanced at Lu Nian, who was not far away. In the past, Sugar had the best relationship with Lu Nian. This time, Lu Nian was the first to speak up for Sugar. Sugar would then have a better impression of Lu Nian.

This wouldn't do. He was the first to find his sister. He had to leave a particularly good impression on her.

"If you don't apologize, get out," Lu Zhu said coldly.

Jiang Yue had never expected Lu Zhu, Lu Nian, and Gu Zhou to be forcing him to apologize.

For a moment, her face turned pale.

She felt as if she had been cut into pieces. Even this couldn't ease the pain in her heart.

It was clearly just between her and Qiao Nian.

She could understand why Brother Ah Zhou was helping Qiao Nian.

That was because Qiao Nian was his wife. Brother Ah Zhou definitely cared about his face, so he wasn't willing to embarrass Qiao Nian.

But why were Lu Zhu and Lu Nian also helping Qiao Nian?

The two of them clearly had nothing to do with Qiao Nian.

Jiang Yue felt the air around her become more and more suffocating, and she couldn't breathe.

Song Yu, who was standing at the side, was also completely stunned. She had never expected her brothers to help Qiao Nian.

She had never received such favor from her brothers.

Lu Qi stood there. She was already a little displeased that Jiang Yue had said that the hyacinth wasn't good. When she thought about how Jiang Yue seemed to be looking for trouble on purpose, she said, "Sister Jiang Yue, didn't you hear what my eldest brother, second brother, and Brother Ah Zhou said? Hurry up and apologize to Sister Qiao Nian. Why are you still standing there?"

When Jiang Yue heard Lu Qi's words, her face instantly turned pale. She had never expected Lu Qi to speak up for Qiao Nian.

Why?

Everyone was biased towards Qiao Nian.

Jiang Yue felt that Lu Qi was the easiest to talk to. She looked at Lu Qi pitifully and said aggrievedly, "I just saw Hyacinth's flower symbolism on the Internet. I'm just telling the truth. I really didn't target her on purpose!"

## Chapter 709: Apologizing

Lu Qi frowned slightly, her eyes filled with surprise. She said, "But Sister Qiao Nian also embroidered a bag for my sister wholeheartedly. You can't slander her casually!"

At this point, Lu Qi recalled that during the lecture at the medical school, Jiang Yue had deliberately instigated a few female students to target Qiao Nian.

Lu Qi wasn't a fool. She knew very well that Jiang Yue was also targeting Qiao Nian on purpose this time. She questioned, "You casually denied the fruits of other people's hard work. Have you ever thought about the harm others have suffered? Sometimes, you can't pretend that none of this happened just because you said that you didn't do it on purpose. This is unfair to the people who have been hurt!"

Lu Zhu and Lu Nian looked at Lu Qi proudly.

Both Sugar and Lu Qi were good girls who could distinguish right from wrong.

When Qiao Nian heard Lu Qi's words, she was a little touched.

No matter what, Lu Qi was always that kind and upright young lady.

Qiao Nian gave Lu Qi a grateful look.

After that, Qiao Nian retracted her gaze and looked down at Jiang Yue. She was waiting for Jiang Yue to apologize to her.

Jiang Yue had now become a thorn in everyone's side.

She knew in her heart that if she didn't apologize, she wouldn't be able to stay in An City anymore.

Jiang Yue looked up at Qiao Nian, then lowered her gaze. Her eyes were filled with hatred, but her voice was as gentle as ever. "I'm sorry... I misunderstood you. I really didn't do it on purpose. I apologize to you for what I just said!"

"It's ok," Qiao Nian answered impassively.

Jiang Yue was slightly stunned. The hatred in her eyes was like a surging river, endless.

She had never expected someone as arrogant as Qiao Nian to accept her apology.

Seeing Jiang Yue's indignant expression, Qiao Nian knew that this matter had already angered Jiang Yue.

Jiang Yue clenched her fists involuntarily. After a long while, she looked up at Matriarch Lu, her eyes returning to their usual gentleness. "Grandma Lu, can I offer an incense stick to the eldest daughter of the Lu family?"

Jiang Yue suppressed the anger in her heart. No matter what, she had to make Qiao Nian suffer today.

Matriarch Lu looked at Jiang Yue and hesitated for a moment before nodding. "Go!"

When Jiang Yue heard Matriarch Lu's words, she took the incense from the side and walked up to the eldest daughter of the Lu family. She bowed three times respectfully.

After bowing, Jiang Yue inserted the incense in her hand into the incense burner of the eldest daughter of the Lu family.

After doing all this, Jiang Yue silently retreated to a corner, but she did not leave immediately.



No one cared about Jiang Yue anymore, because she was just an unimportant person.

Lu Qi handed the blessing bag to Qiao Nian. Qiao Nian walked to the urn and hung the blessing bag on it with a complicated expression.

She didn't know which girl's ashes were in this urn, nor did she know how much pain this girl had suffered when she was alive. The only thing she was sure of was that this girl was as pitiful as she was.

She would definitely investigate the entire incident and make those people pay.

She would never let those despicable people off.

At this moment, a drop of liquid suddenly dripped out of her blessing bag.

The drop of liquid dripped straight onto the urn.

Everyone looked at the blessing bag in surprise, not understanding what had happened.

Lu Qi walked forward, her eyes filled with confusion. Puzzled, she asked, "Strange, why is there water in this blessing bag?"

As Lu Qi spoke, she was about to wipe the liquid off the urn.

When Lu Qi's hand was only a centimeter away from the urn, Qiao Nian grabbed Lu Qi's arm and pulled her back. "Don't move!"

Her voice was urgent, harsh, and nervous.

Lu Qi looked at Qiao Nian in surprise. Just as she was about to ask, she saw Qiao Nian staring at the liquid dripping from the blessing bag with a frown.

Could that liquid be very dangerous?

With this thought in mind, Lu Qi followed Qiao Nian's gaze.

## Chapter 710: Sulphuric Acid

Qiao Nian frowned slightly. She could vaguely smell a pungent smell. She looked at the drop of liquid nervously.

In the next moment, the pungent smell grew stronger and stronger. Qiao Nian hurriedly pulled Lu Qi behind her and covered her mouth and nose.

Lu Qi was so frightened that her face turned pale. She covered her mouth and nose and looked at Qiao Nian in confusion. "Sister Nian Nian, what's going on?"

When the others heard Lu Qi's voice, they also leaned over.

Matriarch Lu was sitting quite far away. At this moment, she could also smell a strange smell in the air. Her gaze fell on Qiao Nian's face, and her gaze was much gentler than before. She asked, "What is this smell?"

She remembered very clearly that when she got the blessing bag, she had smelled a fragrance, but why had it become a pungent smell now?

Qiao Nian let go of Lu Qi's hand and walked over. The pungent smell grew stronger and stronger. She covered her mouth and nose and saw with her own eyes that the drop of liquid had corroded the urn.

"It should be diluted sulfuric acid." Qiao Nian said to the others, "Everyone, walk to the door. It's highly corrosive and oxidizing. Its smell is very pungent. If you inhale too much sulfuric acid steam, your respiratory tract might feel uncomfortable. If the concentration of sulfuric acid is higher, it might cause other respiratory problems."

"What?" Lu Qi was stunned. She had wanted to wipe off the drop of liquid just now. If her hand touched it, it might corrode her hand like the urn.

Lu Qi shivered in fear.

Matriarch Lu raised her hand and patted Lu Zhu's arm. "Quick, go over and remove the blessing bag!"

As soon as Matriarch Lu finished speaking, another drop of sulfuric acid fell on the urn.

The hole in the urn widened.

Lu Qi was so anxious that she was about to cry. "Sister Nian Nian, my sister's urn is corroded. Will her ashes..."

Matriarch Lu's expression changed drastically. She stood up and walked towards the urn.

Qiao Nian didn't have time to explain to them. Holding her breath, she realized that the lower half of the blessing bag was already wet. Instead of touching it, she untied the rope on it and walked out with it. Everyone immediately made way for her, and she threw the blessing bag to the ground.

The air was circulating better outside, and the pungent smell was much less pungent than before.

When she returned to her room again and saw the changes in the surface of the urn, she understood.

Song Yu frowned slightly, and there was a hint of anger in her beautiful eyes. She said coldly, "Who exactly added sulfuric acid to the blessing bag? Do you want my sister to be in trouble underground?"

Qiao Nian's expression turned serious. She didn't know who was so vicious as to attack an urn.

How much did this person hate the eldest daughter of the Lu family?

Suddenly, a glint flashed across Qiao Nian's eyes.

Could it be those people?

But that wasn't right either.

If those people really thought that the eldest daughter of the Lu family was already dead, why did they still damage the urn?

If those people knew that the eldest daughter of the Lu family was still alive, they would probably warn her directly.

"Oh my god, who is so ruthless to attack my eldest granddaughter!" Matriarch Lu looked sad. Her gaze landed on Lu Zhu's face and she said, "We have to investigate this matter thoroughly. We can't let Nian Nian suffer again."

Nian Nian.

When Qiao Nian heard Matriarch Lu's words, she paused. She hadn't expected Grandma to believe her!

Lu Qi nodded in agreement and said, "Brother, I'll help you investigate. We can't let the person who bullied Sister go unpunished!"

Qiao Nian heaved a sigh of relief. Since Grandma and Lu Qi trusted her so much, she had to find the culprit.

With this thought in mind, Qiao Nian picked up the scissors from the table beside her and walked out, carefully cutting open the pouch.

Originally, there were many dried flowers in the blessing bag. Now, these dried flowers had already been corroded by sulfuric acid and emitted a strong stench.

There was also a huge hole in the blessing bag.

## Chapter 711: The Fragment Was Destroyed

At this moment, everyone walked out and surrounded Qiao Nian.

Jiang Yue gasped and said in disbelief, "Oh my god, Sister Nian Nian, how could you put sulfuric acid in the blessing bag? The sulfuric acid is so corrosive. Not only will it destroy the blessing bag, but it will also destroy the urn of the eldest daughter of the Lu family!"

At this moment, when Matriarch Lu heard Jiang Yue's words, her expression changed slightly.

She believed that Qiao Nian was definitely not the culprit, but Jiang Yue's words seemed to be telling everyone that Qiao Nian was the culprit.

Matriarch Lu frowned.

Everyone sighed and looked at Qiao Nian.

Gu Zhou frowned slightly, his cold gaze landing on Jiang Yue. His sharp gaze seemed to be able to see through Jiang Yue's heart.

When Jiang Yue met Gu Zhou's gaze, her face turned slightly pale. She hurriedly lowered her gaze and pretended to be innocent.

Qiao Nian sneered. Her expression was calm as she said fearlessly, "Sulfuric acid is so corrosive. If I had placed it in the blessing bag early on, it would have been corroded long ago. The urn wouldn't have been spared either. Why would it have waited until today?"

When Matriarch Lu heard Qiao Nian's words, she nodded in agreement. "You're right. If sulfuric acid had been in the blessing bag long ago, I should have discovered the problem with the blessing bag long ago. The smell of sulfuric acid is so strong and the smell of flowers shouldn't be able to hide it."

Lu Zhu glanced at Jiang Yue thoughtfully, his voice bone-chilling. "I believe Qiao Nian didn't do this. No one would use such a vicious method to destroy the blessing bag they had painstakingly embroidered, because the gains wouldn't make up for the losses. Moreover, she has been under our noses the entire time and hasn't done anything suspicious, so I believe she definitely didn't do this!"

Lu Nian, who was standing beside Lu Zhu, said confidently, "I also believe that Qiao Nian definitely didn't do this. There must be something more."

Lu Qi nodded in agreement and said, "Sister Nian Nian definitely didn't do it. I believe she would never do such a thing!"

At this moment, Song Yu's eyes were filled with surprise. She hadn't expected her two brothers to speak up for Qiao Nian.

How strange.

The two brothers treated Eldest Miss Lu's urn as if it were alive. In the past, even if someone accidentally touched Eldest Miss Lu's urn, the brothers would have chased that servant out.

What was wrong with them now?

Was it because of Qiao Nian's words that they chose to believe her and not pursue her mistakes?

The more Song Yu thought about it, the more her head hurt. Although she didn't know if Qiao Nian had done that, since Eldest Brother and Second Brother had already said so, she definitely couldn't stand up and go against them.

In that case, Qiao Nian might really not have done this.

If Qiao Nian didn't do it, then who did?

The eldest daughter of the Lu family passed away when she was three years old. Who would make things difficult for a child?

Just as Song Yu was feeling puzzled, Gu Zhou's cold voice rang out.

"Jiang Yue, how can you be so sure that Qiao Nian was behind this? Or are you just trying to slander her and deliberately planned all of this?"

Everyone turned to look at Jiang Yue.

When Song Yu heard Gu Zhou's words, her eyelids twitched slightly, and her heart instantly sank to the bottom.

Apart from the Lu family, Qiao Nian, Gu Zhou, and Jiang Yue were the only outsiders.

Since everyone felt that it was impossible for Qiao Nian to have done this, they took the initiative to eliminate her.

Of course, it was even more impossible for Brother Ah Zhou to do such a thing, because he had once been engaged to the eldest daughter of the Lu family.

Song Yu's gaze landed on Jiang Yue's face. The most suspicious person now was Jiang Yue.

After removing all the impossibilities, no matter how low the possibility was, it was very likely to be the truth.

Could it really be Jiang Yue? But why would Jiang Yue do such a thing?

Song Yu was puzzled.

At this moment, Jiang Yue's face instantly turned pale, and a trace of panic flashed in her eyes.

## Chapter 712: Frame

Jiang Yue stood rooted to the ground, receiving questioning gazes from all directions.

Those gazes pierced into her body like silver needles.

Jiang Yue looked around uneasily, swaying on the spot. After a long while, she explained, "Brother Ah Zhou, I-I didn't frame Sister Qiao Nian. She was the one who made this blessing bag, so I first thought that she had added sulfuric acid."

When Gu Zhou heard Jiang Yue's words, his expression instantly darkened, as if he didn't agree with her.

Jiang Yue met Gu Zhou's gaze and was instantly enlightened.

Oh no!

Just now, Gu Zhou had warned her not to call her Brother Ah Zhou in the future, but she had just called him that again.

Brother Ah Zhou would definitely be angry.

Suddenly, Jiang Yue recalled what had happened at the hotel.

When she drugged Qiao Nian, a kindergarten teacher had spoken rudely. Brother Ah Zhou had crippled her.

It was at that moment that she realized that Brother Ah Zhou also hit women.

Jiang Yue stood there in fear, afraid that she would be crippled as well.

“I’m sorry, Mr. Gu. I just…”

“I meant what I said.” Gu Zhou interrupted Jiang Yue’s apology coldly and enunciated each word clearly. “You’re deliberately trying to frame Qiao Nian!”

Everyone looked at Jiang Yue coldly, including Song Yu.

Qiao Nian glanced at Gu Zhou. Gu Zhou was acting a little strange today. He seemed to be especially protective.

Could it be that Gu Zhou really liked her?

No, no, this was absolutely impossible.

The reason why Gu Zhou admitted that he liked her was because he wanted Gu Qi to slowly accept her.

Previously, she had asked Gu Zhou if he liked her. At that time, Gu Zhou must have been too embarrassed to reject her directly, so he had said ambiguously that he liked her.

Qiao Nian lowered her gaze slightly, trying hard to pretend to be calm.

Now was not the time to consider whether Gu Zhou liked her or not. Instead, she should consider who had added sulfuric acid to her blessing bag.

Jiang Yue looked at Gu Zhou with a hurt expression. She hadn’t expected Gu Zhou to still speak up for Qiao Nian. No one had any evidence, so why did everyone suspect that she was the culprit?

Jiang Yue felt as if her entire world had collapsed.

She looked at Gu Zhou with an aggrieved expression. She was so frightened by Gu Zhou’s cold aura that she took a step back. She tried hard to remain calm and said, “I didn’t.”

Gu Zhou’s eyes narrowed dangerously. His gaze fell on Jiang Yue’s face and he questioned, “Qiao Nian played a part in you being chased out of the Gu family. How can you be so magnanimous as to forgive her? I still remember what you said to her that night. You were very jealous of her. You have enough motive to frame her!”

Jiang Yue shook her head with teary eyes. “No, it’s not like that!”

Jiang Yue’s eyes were as red as a rabbit’s. A tear rolled down her cheek uncontrollably, and her lips trembled slightly, as if she had suffered greatly.

“No, no!” Jiang Yue’s gaze fell on Qiao Nian’s face. Her gaze turned cold as she shouted, “In terms of motive, among everyone here, Qiao Nian hates the eldest daughter of the Lu family the most!”

Qiao Nian’s lips curved up slightly, her expression calm. She continued, “What motive could I have?”

Jiang Yue bit her lip and clenched her fists tightly. She looked around and saw everyone looking at her with resentment.

Her tears fell uncontrollably. With a broken expression, she said, “Grandma told you previously that the eldest daughter of the Lu family was engaged to Brother Ah Zhou. You liked Brother Ah Zhou, so you were jealous!”

When Matriarch Lu heard Jiang Yue’s words, she suddenly recalled the past.

If Jiang Yue hadn’t mentioned it, she might have forgotten about it.

At that time, Old Master Lu often brought the eldest daughter of the Lu family to the Gu family to play.

The two families were even closer than they were now.

That period was when she was happiest. She didn’t have to worry about the war or the schemes in the business world. She watched her granddaughter grow up like an elder in an ordinary family.

Qiao Nian’s expression instantly darkened. Grandma told her about this herself. At that time, Jiang Yue was no longer in the Gu family. Then who had Jiang Yue heard it from?

She asked, “Where did you hear that?”