

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

861 Something's Wrong

Qiao Nian didn't take Song Man's words to heart at all. Her gaze fell on Xiao Shi's face. For some reason, she had a bad feeling that something was wrong.

With this thought in mind, Qiao Nian called out tentatively, "Xiao Shi?"

Xiao Shi still slept soundly. She did not move or respond.

Qiao Nian's frown deepened. Xiao Shi was really too abnormal.

With this thought in mind, she walked to the bed and was about to test the temperature of Xiao Shi's forehead when her hand was slapped away by Song Man.

"What are you doing?" Song Man looked at Qiao Nian warily, as if she was very worried that Qiao Nian would snatch Xiao Shi away from her.

Qiao Nian frowned and looked at Song Man coldly. "Xiao Shi's condition is very wrong. I'm a doctor. I want to examine her!"

When Song Man heard Qiao Nian's words, she was so angry that she laughed. She questioned angrily, "There's nothing wrong with Xiao Shi today. She even ate a lot at noon. Don't spout nonsense here. Miss Qiao, I don't know what you're thinking. Xiao Shi is my daughter. I care about her very much. I won't allow you to touch my daughter casually! What right do you have to touch my daughter?"

"Now isn't the time to let your emotions affect you. Xiao Shi's condition isn't good. I need to examine her properly," Qiao Nian explained. Just as she was about to pull Song Man away, she saw Song Man shielding Xiao Shi under her.

"I've said it before. Xiao Shi is my daughter. You don't have to interfere. You're not allowed to snatch my daughter!" Song Man looked at Qiao

Nian with red eyes, as if Qiao Nian was a heinous human trafficker who wanted to kill Xiao Shi.

Qiao Nian was about to step forward and pull Song Man away when she heard Gu Zhou say, "Get up and let Nian'er examine Xiao Shi!"

"On what basis?" Song Man questioned tearfully. "Xiao Shi is my daughter. How can I harm her? She's the child I've been pregnant with for ten months and painstakingly gave birth to. Why are you separating me from my flesh and blood with just a word? You're simply too much. You don't treat ordinary people like us as humans at all!"

Towards the end, Song Man's tears flowed down readily as if she had suffered greatly. "I only wanted Xiao Shi to look for her grandparents. I never thought of meeting you at all. If I had known that your appearance would mean that you would snatch Xiao Shi away, I would have lived in Hai Cheng for the rest of my life instead of taking half a step into An City!"

Song Man looked at Qiao Nian angrily and said tearfully, "If you want a child, go ahead and give birth yourself. Don't snatch someone else's child. I have nothing left. I only have Xiao Shi!"

When Gu Zhou heard Song Man's words, he was not moved at all. He felt that Song Man was really too annoying. He felt that Xiao Shi's expression was indeed a little ugly. "Xiao Shi's condition is not good now! What did you do to Xiao Shi?"

When Song Man heard Gu Zhou's words, she was stunned. Just as she was about to speak, Qiao Nian pulled her aside.

Qiao Nian sat by Xiao Shi's bed with a serious expression. She carefully checked Xiao Shi's pulse, then her eyes. Then, her expression instantly darkened.

Gu Zhou naturally knew Qiao Nian's every expression. He looked at Song Man coldly. "What exactly did you do?"

Seeing Gu Zhou looking at her with teary eyes, Song Man said with red-rimmed eyes, "What can I do? Xiao Shi just caught a cold. I asked her to take some cold medicine. There are sleeping pills in cold medicine to begin with. It's normal for her to sleep until now. I'm her biological mother, so I'm naturally very concerned about her!"

Seeing that Gu Zhou didn't trust her, Song Man couldn't help but get emotional. "All these years, mother and daughter have relied on each other. If it weren't for me, she would have been gone long ago. She's everything to me. How can I not treat her well?"

Gu Zhou glanced at Song Man coldly and said, "That'd better be the case."

At this moment, Qiao Nian had already finished examining Xiao Shi. Her face was a little pale, and her hand holding Xiao Shi was trembling slightly.

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She lifted Xiao Shi's blanket and hugged her in her arms, walking out.

Seeing Qiao Nian's actions, Song Man's expression changed. She questioned, "What are you doing? Where are you taking Xiao Shi?"

Qiao Nian didn't even give Song Man a look of charity. She looked at Gu Zhou and said seriously, "Xiao Shi's condition isn't good now. She seems to have taken a lot of sleeping pills to fall unconscious. We have to send her to the hospital quickly to pump her stomach."

"What? How could this be? Did you say that on purpose to take Xiao Shi away?" Song Man frowned and asked unhappily.

When Gu Zhou heard Qiao Nian's words, his heart sank.

Hearing Song Man's words, his cold gaze landed on her face, scaring her so much that she took a step back.

“Song Man, how can you be so vicious? She’s still so young. How can you feed her so many sleeping pills!” Gu Zhou questioned coldly. His voice was low and hoarse, like a demon from hell.

Song Man looked at Gu Zhou in disbelief. She had never expected Gu Zhou to suspect her. No matter what, she was Xiao Shi’s mother. How could she do such a cruel thing to Xiao Shi?

“I didn’t!” Song Man frowned and said angrily, “You have no evidence. Why are you suspecting me!”

Seeing that Gu Zhou and Song Man still wanted to argue, Qiao Nian hurriedly said, “Ah Zhou, it’s getting late. If we delay any longer, it might be too late. We should send Xiao Shi to the hospital as soon as possible to pump her stomach!”

“Ah Zhou.” Just these two words instantly soothed Gu Zhou’s irritable mood.

Gu Zhou glanced at Song Man coldly, then went downstairs with Qiao Nian.

No matter what, Xiao Shi’s life was the most important.

As Gu Zhou walked downstairs, he called Chen Qing.

“Get the hospital in the city center to prepare the emergency bed at the entrance of the hospital and wait!”

With that, Gu Zhou hung up.

Although Chen Qing still didn’t understand what had happened, he hurriedly did as Gu Zhou said.

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Twenty minutes later.

Gu Zhou and Qiao Nian waited anxiously at the entrance of the emergency room. Xiao Shi had already been sent in by the doctor for a stomach pump.

Time passed bit by bit. Qiao Nian stood guard outside, hoping that Xiao Shi would recover soon.

Neither of them spoke. The corridor was extremely quiet.

Qiao Nian looked up at Gu Zhou and saw him standing there coldly. His entire body was emitting a cold aura, and his hands were clenched tightly. His knuckles were white, and his veins were bulging ferociously, as if he was trying hard to control something.

Qiao Nian knew in her heart that Gu Zhou was worried about Xiao Shi.

She didn't know if Xiao Shi would recover. She could only leave it to fate.

After some thought, she walked over to Gu Zhou and reached out to hold his hand.

When Gu Zhou realized that Qiao Nian was walking over, he grabbed her hand.

Gu Zhou was very strong. Qiao Nian's hand hurt from his grip, but she didn't say anything. Instead, she stood calmly beside Gu Zhou.

Gu Zhou lowered his gaze and recalled how Xiao Shi had asked him to help with her homework that night.

"That night, I discovered something wrong with Xiao Qi. Why couldn't I have thought more about it? If only I had discovered earlier that she was Xiao Shi and not Xiao Qi!"

When Qiao Nian heard Gu Zhou's words, her heart sank. She said guiltily, "I'm really sorry. That day, I wanted you to interact with each other first. When you reunited later, things might work out better. I didn't expect such a big accident!"

Qiao Nian was really worried.

If Xiao Shi was not saved, Xiao Shi might become Gu Zhou's eternal regret.

She was the cause of this regret.

If her beloved daughter had always been by her side, but she didn't recognize her, Qiao Nian would probably not be able to get over it like Gu Zhou.

Gu Zhou naturally understood Qiao Nian's worry. He held Qiao Nian's hand tightly and said, "This has nothing to do with you. It's all my fault. If I hadn't been negligent and if I had discovered earlier that I still had a daughter, I could have brought her home earlier and this accident wouldn't have happened! Then, I wouldn't have any regrets!"

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Qiao Nian knew that Gu Zhou was comforting her. She said, "On the way to the hospital just now, I've already used silver needles to help Xiao Shi vomit. I think she'll be fine. We'll guard her outside!"

At this moment, hurried footsteps came from afar in the corridor.

Song Man jogged over.

Previously, Gu Zhou had driven Qiao Nian and Xiao Shi to the hospital first. He had ignored Song Man and she had taken a taxi over.

Song Man's hair was in a mess, and her face was flushed red from the intense running. Just as she was about to ask about Xiao Shi, she saw Gu Zhou and Qiao Nian holding hands tightly.

Song Man bit her lower lip, her eyes red. However, Xiao Shi's safety was the most important thing now. She hurriedly asked, "How is Xiao Shi now? What did the doctor say?"

As soon as she finished speaking, she received a sharp look from Gu Zhou.

Song Man's eyes instantly turned red. She had been worried that Qiao Nian had misdiagnosed her. This hospital visit was arranged by Gu Zhou. The people in the hospital wouldn't cooperate with Qiao Nian to fake the truth. She guessed that she had indeed taken a lot of sleeping pills.

At the thought of this, Song Man lowered her gaze guiltily and said, "It's all my fault for what happened today. In the morning, I realized that Xiao Shi didn't look too good. I asked her, but she didn't speak. If I had enlightened her earlier, she might not have taken too many pills!"

Qiao Nian had been very worried about Xiao Shi. When she heard Song Man's words, she was so angry that she laughed. She retorted angrily, "Didn't you give her the sleeping pills? Did she give them to herself? Did she commit suicide by taking sleeping pills? What does such a young child know?"

With that, Qiao Nian's expression changed slightly.

Gu Qi and his two children were different from ordinary children. They were much smarter than ordinary children.

Xiao Shi really committed suicide by taking sleeping pills?

That was absolutely impossible!

She would rather believe that Xiao Shi had accidentally taken the wrong medicine than believe that she had committed suicide on purpose.

Xiao Shi was just a child. She had yet to see the entire world. Why would she want to commit suicide?

Unless she was really desperate.

Why? Qiao Nian couldn't understand.

When Song Man heard Qiao Nian's words, her heart ached even more. Her eyelashes were wet with tears. "How could I have done such a thing

to Xiao Shi? She's the person closest to me, and she's been by my side through the most difficult times. She's everything to me!"

When Gu Zhou, who had been standing silently at the side, heard Song Man's words, he said coldly, "If anything happens to her, I'll let you know what it means to have even more difficult times!"

His voice was like thousand-year-old ice, bone-chilling.

Song Man's tears fell uncontrollably, and her voice choked. "You've gone too far. She's my daughter!"

"Is she really your daughter? If she is, how can you bear to let her do so much work?"

Song Man's frown deepened. She explained unhappily, "Why do you always look at me with prejudice? I have no choice. I can't do anything well with one hand. Xiao Shi is a good child. She cares about me a lot because I can't do things well. She's always helped me do it. As a mother, how can I bear to let my child be hurt? You're the father of the child. Can you bear to hurt your child?"

"Whether you're the biological mother of the child is still up for debate!" Gu Zhou said coldly. He didn't want to look at Song Man at all. He turned to look at Qiao Nian. "Have you brought the blood you just drew?"

"It's in my pocket!"

Gu Zhou nodded, then took out his phone and made a call. "I'm at the entrance of the emergency room of the gastric lavage room in the hospital. Come over now and do a DNA paternity test. I want the results now!"

When Song Man heard Gu Zhou's words, she frowned and pursed her lips, her eyes filled with sadness.

Soon, Gu Zhou hung up.

Song Man looked at Gu Zhou in despair and asked, “Do you really not believe me?”

Gu Zhou did not even look at Song Man. He kept staring at the emergency room door.

864 Doing a Test

In less than five minutes, a doctor hurriedly walked over. He walked up to Gu Zhou and took off his mask.

Song Man glanced at the name on the doctor’s name tag. Xu Cheng, the director of the appraisal department.

She pursed her lips. She had a bad feeling about this.

Song Man had initially thought that she just had to shatter the sample Qiao Nian had contained her blood sample. However, when she thought about it, if she really did that, it would arouse even more suspicion from Gu Zhou and Qiao Nian.

Song Man’s frown deepened. She lowered her head and said nothing.

Xu Cheng looked at Gu Zhou respectfully and asked, “Mr. Gu, did you bring your DNA sample?”

When Qiao Nian heard Xu Cheng’s words, she hurriedly handed Song Man’s blood sample to him.

Gu Zhou said, “Take this sample and do a DNA test with Gu Qi and the blood sample. Do it now. Tell me when the results are out.”

Xu Cheng nodded respectfully. After answering, he took the sample and left.

Chen Qing had already completed the hospitalization procedures. Just as he came over and was about to speak to Gu Zhou, he heard Gu Zhou’s instructions.

“If you accompany Director Xu for the DNA test now, I’ll know the results immediately!” Gu Zhou said with a serious expression. Although he trusted Director Xu very much, he was afraid that there would be other mistakes.

He would never allow anything to go wrong when it came to confirming the child’s mother.

This paternity test was very important to Gu Zhou.

Gu Zhou trusted Chen Qing the most. If he asked Chen Qing to accompany Director Xu for a DNA test, he would be very relieved.

Chen Qing knew the seriousness of this matter and nodded. “Yes.”

Then, Chen Qing left with Xu Cheng.

Gu Zhou waited anxiously outside. He glanced at the time. Only twenty minutes had passed, but it felt like a century to him.

This was the first time he had realized that time passed so slowly.

If Qiao Nian hadn’t been by his side, he didn’t know how long he would have had to wait.

Qiao Nian was sensitive enough to sense the change in Gu Zhou’s mind. Sometimes, quiet company was the best comfort for him.

Twenty minutes later.

The emergency room door finally opened.

Holding Qiao Nian’s hand, Gu Zhou walked to the doctor’s side and asked anxiously, “Doctor, how is Xiao Shi now?”

The doctor looked at Gu Zhou solemnly and took off his mask. He sighed and said, “She took a lot of sleeping pills. Fortunately, it was found out in time and she survived! Otherwise...”

When Gu Zhou heard the doctor’s words, he frowned.

“A lot?” Qiao Nian instantly grasped the main point of the doctor’s words.

The doctor nodded and said very heavily, “From the contents of her stomach, she must have taken half a bottle of sleeping pills!”

Qiao Nian’s face turned pale.

Gu Zhou narrowed his eyes, which were filled with coldness. His entire body emitted a cold aura. He looked at Song Man deeply.

Song Man was shocked by Gu Zhou’s gaze. For a moment, she felt that Gu Zhou’s gaze seemed to want to kill her.

Qiao Nian frowned. What she was concerned about now was why Xiao Shi had taken sleeping pills. Had she taken them herself, or had Song Man fed them to her?

If she had been fed the pills by Song Man, it meant that Song Man wanted to murder Xiao Shi.

Should she call the police directly?

Qiao Nian looked at Song Man coldly, her beautiful fox-like eyes narrowing slightly. Her gaze fell on the doctor and she asked, “Doctor, are there any other marks on Xiao Shi’s throat or chin?”

The doctor was also used to the world. When he heard Qiao Nian’s question, he instantly understood.

Based on this, it was possible to determine if the patient had taken the sleeping pills herself or if someone had forced them on her.

The doctor shook his head seriously.

“There are no other marks on the patient’s chin. Moreover, I’ve also examined the patient’s throat. Her throat is normal. It’s not swollen or congested. Moreover, other than sleeping pills, there’s only water in her stomach. Preliminary judgment is that she took them herself.”

Qiao Nian's expression changed drastically. Her throat felt as if it was being strangled by an invisible hand. She asked dryly, "Are... are you sure?"

865 Awake

Song Man, who was standing at the side, was also stunned. She did not expect Xiao Shi to take the initiative to take so many sleeping pills.

"I'm sure," the doctor said with a complicated expression. "She seemed to be afraid that the pills would be stuck in her throat and she drank a lot of water."

Gu Zhou clenched his fists tightly, his hands trembling non-stop. His thin lips were pursed tightly, turning pale.

"This..." Qiao Nian couldn't believe the doctor's words. Xiao Shi was just a five-year-old child. She didn't know anything.

The doctor sighed and continued, "The patient did take the initiative to take sleeping pills, but I don't know if someone forced her to take so many sleeping pills. Many things should wait for the patient to wake up. However, the patient's condition isn't good now. She needs to be hospitalized for observation. I'll get someone to transfer the patient to a normal ward!"

With that, the doctor left. Gu Zhou and Qiao Nian couldn't come back to their senses for a long time. When they did, they both looked at Song Man.

At this moment, Song Man was also shocked. She had never expected Xiao Shi to take so many sleeping pills. She did not understand why Xiao Shi would take so many sleeping pills.

Suddenly, a thought flashed across Song Man's mind.

She remembered.

Previously in Hai Cheng.

The neighbor's wife, Wang Lin, seemed to be unable to tolerate domestic violence and committed suicide by taking an entire bottle of sleeping pills.

That was two years ago.

When Xiao Shi found out about this, she was so frightened that she cried.

She had never expected Xiao Shi to take so many sleeping pills.

Could it be that Xiao Shi was really in pain?

Qiao Nian noticed that something was wrong with Song Man's expression. She seemed to be recalling something.

Qiao Nian's beautiful fox-like eyes narrowed slightly. If she wasn't wrong, what Song Man was recalling should be related to her taking more than half a bottle of sleeping pills .

The emergency room door opened again.

The nurse pushed the bed out.

On the hospital bed, Xiao Shi was curled up in pain. Her face was pale, and there were tears in the corners of her eyes.

Seeing Xiao Shi like this, Qiao Nian couldn't help but feel her heart ache. She had heard from others in the past that stomach lavage was very painful.

Xiao Shi was like a broken doll, making one unable to help but pity her. Qiao Nian only wanted to hug Xiao Shi in her arms now, but she was afraid that if she touched Xiao Shi's body, it would affect her stomach. That would make her feel even worse.

Seeing that Gu Zhou and Qiao Nian had gathered around, the doctor explained, "The patient has already passed the anesthesia period, so she'll feel the pain in her stomach now. She hasn't woken up yet. However, you can try to wake her up."

Hearing the doctor's words, Qiao Nian looked at Xiao Shi with heartache. She gently tucked Xiao Shi's hair behind her ear.

Qiao Nian's actions were very gentle, as if she was dealing with something precious and fragile. She was worried that she would hurt Xiao Shi.

"Xiao Shi, you're fine now. Your father and mother are both here. Don't be afraid anymore!" Although Qiao Nian didn't like Song Man, she knew in her heart that the person she cared about was Song Man so she still told Xiao Shi that Song Man was here.

Seeing Qiao Nian's actions, Gu Zhou glanced at Xiao Shi, who was lying on the hospital bed. His eyes darkened.

The anesthesia had almost worn off and Xiao Shi was still in a semi-conscious state.

She felt as warm as a hot spring. This warmth made her feel very comfortable. She liked this voice.

In a daze, she seemed to have heard it somewhere.

With this thought in mind, Xiao Shi slowly opened her eyes. Her eyelids were a little too heavy. When she finally opened them a crack, she saw a person leaning in front of her in a daze.

Although she couldn't see who the person in front of her was, she could feel the warmth brought by her illness.

Could it be Auntie Nian Nian?

Only Auntie Nian Nian would speak to her so gently.

Xiao Shi tried hard to open her eyes. In front of her was Auntie Nian Nian's blurry face.

So it was really Auntie Nian Nian.

She really liked Auntie Nian Nian.

At the thought of this, Xiao Shi opened her mouth, wanting to call Auntie Nian Nian.