

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

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But she didn't cry out.

Her throat hurt too much.

How strange.

It was said that after a person died, they had to go to heaven. If she went to heaven, she shouldn't be able to see Auntie Nian Nian.

She must be hallucinating.

She really wanted to see the person she wanted to see before she went to heaven.

She wanted to see Auntie Nian Nian and tell her that she really liked her.

She still wanted to see her brother and ask him to take good care of Auntie Nian Nian, Daddy, and Mommy.

She still wanted to see her father and ask him to tutor her with her homework.

She still wanted to see her mommy. She wanted to tell her that she really liked her.

But Mommy didn't seem to like her.

Every time Mommy saw her, she would get angry.

Moreover, in Mommy's opinion, she was a burden. She was already so old and could not take good care of Mommy, nor could she stand on the same side as her.

Forget it. She shouldn't see Mommy, lest she angered her and made her sad.

Xiao Shi's eyelids grew heavier and heavier, and her eyes became unfocused.

Seeing Xiao Shi like this, Qiao Nian knew that she was about to wake up. She grabbed Xiao Shi's hand and whispered gently into her ear, "Xiao Shi, you're your own person. Don't care about what others think. Your father and I miss you very much. I hope you can wake up soon. I hope you can still be by our side."

Wasn't this heaven?

Xiao Shi tried hard to open her eyes and see the person in front of her clearly.

It was Auntie Nian Nian!

When Qiao Nian saw that Xiao Shi had woken up, her eyes lit up. She clenched Xiao Shi's hand and called out happily, "Xiao Shi!"

Only then did Xiao Shi realize that Auntie Nian Nian was really beside her. Her eyes instantly lit up, like bright stars in the night.

However, in the next moment, the light in her eyes instantly disappeared.

Her brow furrowed, and she retracted her hand hesitantly.

Qiao Nian's palm felt empty, and so did her heart. Disappointment instantly welled up in her heart, and she felt a little suffocated.

Naturally, Gu Zhou saw every move Qiao Nian and Xiao Shi made. He walked over to Qiao Nian and gently held her hand.

Gu Zhou's gaze fell on Xiao Shi's face. He asked gently, "Xiao Shi, how do you feel now? Does your stomach still hurt?"

At this moment, Xiao Shi's eyes were a little dull and empty, as if she didn't know anyone. She didn't answer Gu Zhou.

Gu Zhou couldn't help but worry.

Xiao Shi said nothing. She slowly retracted her gaze and looked around again.

She looked at the nurse and doctor in white, but she did not see her mommy.

Could it be that Mommy was angry with her again?

At the thought of this, Xiao Shi's eyes turned red. She pursed her lips in discomfort.

It must be because she was disobedient that Mommy was angry and unwilling to see her.

Tears welled up in Xiao Shi's eyes. She sniffled and her gaze fell on Gu Zhou's face. Her voice was as hoarse as white paper rubbing against dry old bark. "Where's Mommy..."

Xiao Shi's face turned red, looking pitiful. Her voice trailed off slightly in a childish and trembling manner.

When Qiao Nian heard Xiao Shi say this, she was stunned.

At this moment, Qiao Nian clearly realized that no matter what Song Man did, she would always be her mommy. She would always be the person closest to her and the person she relied on the most.

She thought of her childhood again.

She had been like this .

She knew that Su Xue didn't like her. It was Su Xue who had suggested sending her to the countryside. But even so, she missed Su Xue every day, hoping that Su Xue would bring her home as soon as possible.

At that time, Su Xue was her mother, the person she relied on the most. She believed that as long as she corrected all her mistakes and became especially outstanding, her mother would definitely bring her home. She would even buy her beautiful clothes and tell her bedtime stories gently.

867 Mother Is the Most Important

Therefore, every day, she worked hard to reflect on herself and improve.

After waiting for so many years, when she grew up, she finally realized something.

Not every mother liked her child.

She was the child abandoned by her mother.

But even so, there was still a trace of hope in her heart. She hoped that Su Xue would accept her and bring her home.

Fantasy was still fantasy.

She knew that Su Xue would never bring her home. She would never like her.

She could understand Xiao Shi's feelings for Song Man.

To every child, a mother was always the special one.

No matter what happened, a child would always miss her mother.

Xiao Shi had experienced a life and death situation, but the first thing she asked for when she woke up was still to look for Song Man.

Kinship was indeed the strongest bond in this world.

From the corner of his eye, Gu Zhou glanced at the dazed Song Man not far away. Song Man seemed to have fallen into some painful memory and sat on a stool in a daze.

Gu Zhou had not wanted to call Song Man over. In his opinion, Song Man must have given Xiao Shi the sleeping pills.

"Xiao Shi..."

Just as Gu Zhou was about to say something, Qiao Nian hurriedly interrupted him and said, “She’s right there.”

When Xiao Shi heard that Song Man was also here, her eyes lit up. Her eyes were red as she said with a sobbing voice, “I want Mommy!”

Gu Zhou looked at Xiao Shi’s stubborn and strong face. His expression gradually turned serious.

This time, he finally understood why Qiao Nian had said that Song Man was also here.

Although she was obedient and sensible, she was still a five-year-old child.

Just as Song Man had said previously, Song Man and Xiao Shi had relied on each other for more than five years. The two of them had a deep relationship. Even if he was Xiao Shi’s father, he could not replace Song Man in Xiao Shi’s heart.

Gu Zhou felt terrible and blamed himself.

However, he didn’t know what to do.

If he forcefully separated Song Man from her, it might hurt Xiao Shi like what Song Man said.

Qiao Nian and Gu Zhou looked at each other. Then, Qiao Nian stood up and walked towards Song Man.

She walked up to Song Man and looked down to see the panic in her eyes.

At this moment, Song Man seemed to be completely immersed in her own world and could not see anyone else.

“Xiao Shi is already awake!” Qiao Nian said calmly.

Only then did Song Man come back to her senses. She suddenly looked up at Qiao Nian.

Qiao Nian spoke again. "She really wants to see you now!"

Song Man looked at Qiao Nian in disbelief. She hadn't expected Qiao Nian to be willing to let her see Xiao Shi.

She glanced at Gu Zhou, who was walking over, and asked carefully, "Can I really see Xiao Shi?"

Gu Zhou did not even look at Song Man.

Seeing this, Qiao Nian said again, "Sure!"

At this moment, Song Man was ignored by Gu Zhou, but she was not angry. She hurriedly walked towards the bed.

At this moment, the nurse was pushing the hospital bed cart and preparing to enter the elevator, planning to send Xiao Shi to the ward.

Song Man hurriedly followed.

The elevator door slowly closed. When Qiao Nian could no longer see Song Man and Xiao Shi, she said to Gu Zhou, "Don't worry, Xiao Shi should be out of danger. When her emotions stabilize, we'll ask her why she took sleeping pills."

Gu Zhou did not speak. He just felt helpless.

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Song Man held Xiao Shi's hand all the way until the nurse pushed the bed into the ward.

After the nurse left, Song Man stayed by Xiao Shi's side. She looked at Xiao Shi's pale face and said in a trembling voice, "Xiao Shi!"

When she saw Song Man, she had been holding back her tears. Her voice was soft and trembling. "Mommy, I don't want to look for Grandpa and Grandma anymore, nor do I want to look for Daddy and Brother. Can we return to Nancheng now?"

When Song Man heard Xiao Shi's words, she was stunned. She frowned slightly and asked, "Xiao Shi, don't you like your father a lot? Why don't you want him anymore?"

868 Don't Want to Be a Bad Child

When Xiao Shi heard Song Man's words, she used all her strength to grab her hand and said seriously, "Mommy, I like Daddy a lot. I also want to get along very well with Daddy. However, if we stay in An City, it might ruin the relationship between Daddy and Auntie Nian Nian. That way, Brother will be very sad. I don't want him to be sad!"

Xiao Shi said sincerely. She really wanted to return to South City.

However, Song Man was stunned.

After a long while, Song Man came back to her senses.

Xiao Shi was just a five-year-old child. How did she know so much?

She lowered her gaze and said aggrievedly, "Do you really want to return to Nancheng and live a life without the next meal? Have you already forgotten what it feels like?"

Xiao Shi sniffled a little, and her tears fell uncontrollably. She shook her head. "Mommy, I've never forgotten when I lived in Nancheng. Although life was very hard, the two of us were very happy together. Moreover, Mommy didn't have to be the bad person who ruined other people's relationships!"

Song Man was stunned. Was this something a five-year-old child could understand?

Song Man swallowed and asked in disbelief, "You're still young. You don't even understand. Who told you these things?"

Xiao Shi raised her hand to wipe her tears and said pitifully, "Although I also hope that Daddy and Mommy can live happily together, I know that's impossible. Daddy likes Auntie Nian Nian, and not only does

Auntie Nian Nian treat Daddy well, but she also treats Brother very well. When I went to the Gu family yesterday, Daddy was very gentle and kind to me. He even helped me with my homework.”

“But when Daddy saw us this morning, he was angry with Auntie Nian Nian. He seemed to have become very terrifying. If we stay here, Daddy and Auntie Nian Nian might not be together.”

Song Man fell silent.

Song Man had long known that Xiao Shi was very smart and sensitive, but she did not expect her to notice so many things.

If only Xiao Shi was as stupid as other children.

That way, she could cry, throw a tantrum, and force Gu Zhou to marry her.

It was said that children’s eyes were the purest. Could it be that Gu Zhou had only flared up at Qiao Nian this morning because he had discovered her and Xiao Shi’s existence?

Qiao Nian hid the fact that she and Xiao Shi had come to An City.

Gu Zhou knew that Qiao Nian was hiding this matter, which was why he was so angry.

It seemed that Gu Zhou and Qiao Nian weren’t that close either.

The two of them were probably just pretending.

Xiao Shi wiped her tears, but more and more of them fell. She couldn’t wipe them away no matter what.

Xiao Shi thought of what had happened today. The more she thought about it, the sadder she became. She cried and said, “Mommy, I know why you asked me to call Daddy for dinner today. You just want to be with Daddy. If I do this, won’t I become a bad child? Good children will never ruin other people’s marriages. So what if Daddy comes today? He

doesn't care about Mommy at all. Then will Mommy still ask me to do these bad things in the future..."

Song Man was stunned. Was Xiao Shi really only five years old?

How could she have noticed so much?

She was really too smart.

Generally speaking, shouldn't children want their daddy and mommy to be together?

Why was Xiao Shi different?

What puzzled her was that what Xiao Shi had just said was for the sake of others. Had Xiao Shi never thought about her own feelings?

Xiao Shi really didn't yearn for a complete family.

Xiao Shi did not know what Song Man was thinking. She sniffled and continued crying, "If I don't listen to Mommy once, will you still hit me? Every time Mommy hits me, you promise never to hit me again, but your promise has never come true. Mommy will always lose control and hit me again..."

When Song Man heard this, her expression instantly darkened. She said angrily, "Just because of this, you took more than half a bottle of sleeping pills and committed suicide?"

Xiao Shi looked at Song Man with teary eyes and shook her head. Her throat was burning with pain.

869 Burden

Xiao Shi coughed non-stop, and her tears fell again. After a long time, she recovered and said, "Xiao Shi is indeed a jinx and a burden. It's because of Xiao Shi that your life has become so terrible now."

Song Man was stunned. She frowned and said, "What nonsense are you spouting? What has this got to do with you?"

“It’s all Xiao Shi’s fault.” Xiao Shi cried and wiped her tears, not listening to Song Man at all.

If only she hadn’t appeared.

This morning, she wouldn’t have seen her father angry. This was the first time she had seen her father angry. It was scary.

She had thought that her father had always been a gentle person.

But she was wrong.

Initially, Auntie Nian Nian had good intentions, but Daddy misunderstood Auntie Nian Nian and lost his temper at her.

Auntie Nian Nian was very innocent. Auntie Nian Nian had clearly done nothing wrong.

When she went to see her father, she deliberately pretended to be her brother. It was also a solution she and her brother had thought of. Auntie Nian Nian was just cooperating with her.

However, his father lost his temper at Auntie Nian Nian without distinguishing between right and wrong.

After Daddy and Auntie Nian Nian left, Mommy was also angry when she returned home.

At the thought of this, Xiao Shi felt even sadder. She muttered softly, “If Mommy and I hadn’t come to An City, we wouldn’t have met Brother and Daddy. Daddy and Auntie Nian Nian wouldn’t have gotten into an argument.”

“Mommy won’t think of ruining the relationship between Daddy and Auntie Nian Nian. That way, Mommy won’t be angry often. If we return to Hai Cheng, although life might be very hard every day, Mommy won’t be angry. Daddy and Auntie Nian Nian will reconcile. Mommy, I’ve grown up a lot more than before. I can always take care of Mommy for the rest of my life!”

The light in her eyes gradually disappeared because she recalled that Song Man did not like her. She said dejectedly, "Whether it was in the past or now, I'm redundant. I..."

"What nonsense are you spouting!" Song Man shook off Xiao Shi's hand in exasperation and said angrily.

Xiao Shi's hand went limp. Her heart seemed to have been stabbed hard. She looked at Song Man in disbelief.

She didn't understand what she had said wrong. Why was Mommy angry again?

Song Man was really angered to death by her cowardice.

Xiao Shi was her child, the child she had painstakingly raised.

How could Xiao Shi be so cowardly and unambitious?

Who still advocated kindness these days?

Whoever was kind would be bullied!

She no longer wanted to return to that slum in Hai Cheng, nor did she want to live a cowardly life there.

She clearly could have a better future. Why should she give up all of this?

She wanted to take back everything she had lost!

She had to become the most respected woman in the world!

Song Man sat by the bed with her head lowered and her eyes filled with hatred.

When Xiao Shi saw Song Man's hand lowered to the side, she hesitantly reached out. She seemed to have thought of something and silently retracted her hand.

Xiao Shi looked up at Song Man and asked seriously, “Mommy, if you don’t think I’m a burden, why did you give me water with sleeping pills?”

Song Man instantly looked up at Xiao Shi in disbelief.

Xiao Shi knew? How was that possible?

She had clearly done it very discreetly.

This morning, Gu Zhou came to the Dongjiang villa, but he didn’t care about her at all. Instead, he left very quickly.

At that time, she was very angry. She felt that Gu Zhou did not take her seriously at all.

She had painstakingly raised Gu Zhou’s child for five years, but Gu Zhou was actually so cold to her.

She was so angry that after returning to her room, she smashed everything in the room.

At that time, Xiao Shi had been standing in a corner.

Xiao Shi was still comforting her not to be too sad. Xiao Shi even said that she would take care of her forever.

However, Xiao Shi did not know that she was targeting Gu Zhou from the beginning.

She had done all of this to be with Gu Zhou.

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She wanted to live a better life with Gu Zhou. She wanted to become Gu Zhou’s wife. She wanted to be the madam of the Gu family.

However, Xiao Shi’s persuasion made her realize something.

Xiao Shi was on Gu Zhou’s side, not hers.

Xiao Shi did not want her to be with Gu Zhou. In order not to let Xiao Shi cause trouble, she added a sleeping pill to the water she drank, hoping that Xiao Shi would sleep when Gu Zhou came over.

She really hadn't thought of harming Xiao Shi. She just hoped that she could sleep.

Now, it seemed that Xiao Shi knew that there were sleeping pills in the water, so she slept obediently and drank the water with sleeping pills.

She had thought that the medicine was especially effective, so she fell asleep.

Now, it seemed that Xiao Shi was just pretending to be asleep!

At that time, she was so focused on how to negotiate with Gu Zhou that she left in a panic and did not take the bottle of sleeping pills with her.

Xiao Shi must have seen the bottle of sleeping pills at that time, so she ate more than half of them.

At that time, in order to swallow the sleeping pills successfully, she even drank a lot of water.

Why was Xiao Shi so stupid?

She actually disregarded her own health for Gu Zhou and Qiao Nian.

Song Man had never expected a five-year-old child to do this.

She was simply too saintly!

Song Man's gaze landed on Xiao Shi's face. Seeing her sad expression, she couldn't bear it.

Her heart seemed to be clenched tightly by an invisible hand. She suffocated.

She had raised Xiao Shi herself. It would be a lie to say that she had no feelings for her.

She wanted to comfort Xiao Shi, but she didn't know what to say.

If she agreed with Xiao Shi, it meant that she and Gu Zhou would never be together for the rest of their lives!

Why couldn't Xiao Shi do as she wanted?

If Xiao Shi did as she wanted, Gu Zhou would definitely listen to her and marry her. As long as she became Gu Zhou's wife, even if she couldn't win Gu Zhou's heart, she would still be able to stay near him.

Her plan was perfect.

Just a little more.

However, all of this was disrupted by Xiao Shi.

What displeased her the most was that Xiao Shi would rather die than cooperate with her.

If Xiao Shi was really dead...

If Qiao Nian hadn't realized that something was wrong today and rushed upstairs to bring Xiao Shi down, all her years of planning would have been ruined.

Not only would she not get what she wanted, but Gu Zhou might also take revenge on her.

Song Man looked at Xiao Shi's lonely and pitiful face and sighed helplessly. She reprimanded. "Xiao Shi, Mommy knows that you're a good child, but Mommy's actions aren't wrong. Mommy just wants to give you a complete family. A family should be together."

"Mommy knows that you like your Auntie Nian Nian a lot. You have to know one thing. You can get along well with Auntie Nian Nian, but she's just your auntie. Every time you see a young and beautiful lady, you can call her Auntie, but you can't hurt yourself for them because they're an outsider to you!"

Song Man sighed heavily and continued, "Xiao Shi, have you thought about what Mommy will do if you leave? How sad Mommy will be. You hurt yourself for her. How can you let Mommy down? Mommy worked hard to raise you."

"Ahem..." Xiao Shi couldn't help but start coughing again, so hard that tears streamed down her face. She sniffled and said pitifully, "Every time Mommy gets angry, she breaks things and hurts herself. I didn't think too much about it. I just didn't want Mommy to be angry again!"

When Song Man heard Xiao Shi's words, her eyes turned red.

Seeing that Song Man had already listened to her, Xiao Shi asked carefully, "Mommy, why don't we return to Hai Cheng? I'll definitely work hard to earn money. I'll give all the money I earn to Mommy and let her live a better life!"

Song Man looked at Xiao Shi with a complicated expression and couldn't help but sigh.