

Li Xinqiao was worried about Fan Hunjun's grandmother, so she came to the hospital to see her during her noon break. She mainly wanted to ask when his grandmother would have the surgery.

Before long, Wang Xu suddenly called and said that someone on the job site had ordered two or three tables of food in the afternoon. As there were not enough ingredients, he asked her to quickly go to the market to buy some raw materials.

Li Xinqiao left the ward immediately after receiving the call. She had just walked to the entrance of the ward when she heard someone shouting behind her, "Li Xinqiao—"

Li Xinqiao looked back and found that it was Li Shanshan. Her face flushed red instantly.

"Shanshan?"

Actually, they were not very close. They had not seen each other for many years, and on top of that, the last time they met was when Fan Hunjun sent Liu Zhenqiang flying at the entrance of the hospital. They never spoke to each other since then.

The reason why she greeted Li Shanshan so kindly this time was because she felt a bit guilty. Even Wang Xu misunderstood her and Fan Hunjun, let alone Li Shanshan.

Secondly, it was also for Fan Hunjun's sake. After

all, Li Shanshan and Fan Hunjun had gotten married. Maybe the two would become good friends in the future.

Li Shanshan walked over expressionlessly and asked coldly, "Have you done something shameful? If not, what are you blushing for?"

Li Xinqiao was stunned for a moment. Did she figure me out?

"No, I just came out of the ward, and now I'm rushing to buy some groceries!"

Li Xinqiao suddenly thought of what the nurse said. It seemed that Fan Hunjun often appeared in the hospital during this time.

The first time she met Fan Hunjun with Zhang Junhao at the hospital door, Fan Hunjun was seated on a motorbike with Wang Xu. The second time she met Fan Hunjun with Liu Zhenqiang at the hospital door, Fan Hunjun was riding Li Xinqiao's electric bike with Li Xinqiao hugging Fan Hunjun from behind.

Because of this, she assumed that maybe a relative of Wang Xu or Li Xinqiao was hospitalized.

"Is that so?" Li Shanshan asked, her voice laced with sourness. "My dad underwent surgery today, but he didn't care for my dad in the ward and instead ran to the adjacent ward to look after your family. Don't you think that he's crossing the line?"

"My family?"

"Let me tell you, you are already married and you have children. Thoughtless Hun and I have already gotten married, so I don't need to tell you what you need to do, am I right?"

Gosh, you actually admitted that you and Fan Hunjun got married, and you even seem like you're jealous.

Li Xinqiao chuckled. "Shanshan, you're mistaken. Fan Hunjun's father and his grandmother are both hospitalized, and his grandmother will undergo an operation tomorrow. No wonder his grandmother asked him why she didn't see him during the day. So he was taking care of your father? How is your father? Is he okay?"

What?

She was gravely mistaken.

It had never crossed Li Shanshan's mind that Fan Hunjun's father and grandmother were hospitalized. No wonder that nurse made that expression today. Fan Hunjun even called himself an unlucky star.

Just then, Li Xinqiao took the initiative to hold Li Shanshan's hand and smiled. "Shanshan, you can be rest assured. Fan Hunjun is not interested in me. You're the only one in his heart. You also know that he has only one friend left among his classmates now, which is Wang Xu. That's why he looked for us as soon as he came back. If we don't help him, who else will?"

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Li Xinqiao's enthusiasm made Li Shanshan feel a little awkward; she did not know what to say.

"Also, Thoughtless Hun is his nickname, and it bears the shame of his youth. Now that you are married, don't call him by that nickname anymore. He was a brat when he was young, but now he is very prideful. Plus he is very powerful, I personally saw... Oh yeah, do you know Mr. Hui?"



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Li Shanshan nodded. "Yeah, I've heard of him before. He seems to be the boss of a gang."

"Wang Xu and I personally saw Mr. Hui kneel down for Fan Hunjun in front of his underlings!"

"What?"

"I..."

At this moment, Wang Xu called again to urge Li Xinqiao.

Li Xinqiao immediately took out her mobile phone and shouted at Wang Xu, "Why do you keep urging me? I'll go right away!"

"I have bought all the ingredients. The stall owner is too busy now and isn't free to deliver it. But I can't take it all alone..."

"Hadn't I told you? I'll arrive immediately. Hunjun's grandmother will have an operation tomorrow, and I just happened to come across Li Shanshan when I left the ward. Now I'm chatting with her."

Li Xinqiao deliberately said this to prove to Li Shanshan that she had not lied.

"Li Shanshan? Why is she there? Has she reconciled with Hunjun?"

"You're so rude. What do you mean by 'reconciled'? They have been fine all this while! Plus, Li Shanshan is being jealous of me and Hunjun, just like you did!"

"Who's being jealous? I wasn't jealous!"

"Okay, okay, wait a minute. I will be there soon."

After Li Xinqiao hung up the phone, she smiled at Li Shanshan. "Shanshan, I know a little bit about the issues you're facing, but our family is not wealthy, so I can't help you out. Fan Hunjun probably isn't rich too, but he's very kind. They say good people live good lives. You can be with him at ease. When you have your wedding ceremony, don't forget to invite us, alright?"

Li Shanshan smiled awkwardly, not knowing what to say.

"Okay, I have to rush to the market now. Tomorrow Fan Hunjun's grandmother will have an operation. I will come to the hospital too. Let's talk again next time."

After that, Li Xinqiao waved at Li Shanshan and walked away in haste.

She dared not look back along the way. When did she come here? Did she see me holding Fan Hunjun's arm in the aisle?

Li Shanshan used to have a repetitive routine. After she finished work, she would just go home. All of her free time was spent on Zhang Junhao, so she did not know much about the current issues.

Although she heard of Jiang Zehui's name before, she didn't find it shocking that Jiang Zehui kneeled

Fan Hunjun did not notice that Li Shanshan was already standing at the door as he explained to his grandmother, "Grandma, I actually don't want to trouble others too. The thing is, Wang Xu and Li Xinqiao has been taking care of you for several years while I was abroad. You're going in for an operation tomorrow, so it's normal for them to come over and visit you. How can I drive them away?"

As Fan Hunjun said that, he found an iron spoon and used it to scoop out the longan from the can before feeding the longan to his grandmother.

Only then did Li Shanshan realize that his grandmother was blind.

While eating the canned food, his grandmother hesitated for a long time, and then said, "Hunjun, Xinqiao mentioned before that you're registered your marriage with that girl from the Li family, is it true?"

Li Shanshan's heart suddenly became anxious.

Fan Hunjun asked her back, "Why are you asking about this?"

"I'm worried that since I'm getting older, I won't be able to survive the operation tomorrow. If you really married the girl, I would love to see her before entering the operating room."

"Grandma, what are you thinking? You're just having a minor eye surgery. There will be no danger to your life." Fan Hunjun then explained,

Chapter 152 Anxiety

Li Shanshan did not know that his grandmother was blind, and thought that she had something against herself. At once, she who was originally full of confidence suddenly became uneasy.



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down for Fan Hunjun.

Fan Hunjun's father and grandmother were both staying in the hospital, and his grandmother was going to have an operation tomorrow, but today Fan Hunjun stayed at the entrance of the operating room for almost the whole day today. Because of this, she couldn't help but be moved.

Li Shanshan immediately came to the nurse's station. When she happened to meet the nurse who knew Fan Hunjun, she asked, "Hello nurse, you met my friend in the afternoon. Does his grandmother stay here?"

"Yes, his father stays here too."

"Where is his grandmother?"

"There, the room with the opened door."

"Thank you!"

Li Shanshan walked to the door of the ward and took a look. Fan Hunjun was sitting in a chair with his back to the door, and he was opening a bottle of canned longan.

His grandmother said at this time, "Li Xinqiao is a great woman, but you should also ask her to come to the hospital less in the future. After all, she is already married, and Wang Xu is also a good man. Please don't give her any misunderstandings."

When Fan Hunjun's grandmother was talking to him, her eyes coincidentally looked at the door.

"Her dad had an operation today, and it was a major operation. He had a kidney transplant..."

"Oh, why didn't you say that earlier? If her dad is in such a bad state, what are you doing here? Hurry and go take care of him." His grandmother added, "Oh yeah, where is her dad now? Wheel me over to see him."

Hearing his grandmother's words, Li Shanshan's heart was not only relieved, but also touched.

"Forget it, you have an operation tomorrow. The doctor told me that you shouldn't get too worked up today."

"How can I not? As the saying goes, a great woman is a blessing to her family. Your mother has passed away, and your father had a stroke. I am your grandmother; if I don't go and visit her, others will say that we are unreasonable!"

"Grandma..."

"Hunjun, you've already grown up, so you should be more sensible. I don't care about other matters, but you have to listen to me about this. By the way, how much money do you have on you?"

"Why?"

"I'm asking how much money do you have now?"

"Around 1,000."

"That won't do. Go to the bank and get another

10,000, and then find a red paper to make a red packet. We can't go empty-handed when we visit her parents."

Fan Hunjun's grandmother was a very sensible person.

She lived frugally back then in order to save 90,000 for Fan Hunjun. Yet, though she didn't know that Fan Hunjun was actually wealthy, she wanted to prepare a red packet of 10,000 at once. It was really commendable for someone of her age.

"Grandma, can you please listen to me?" Fan Hunjun explained, "Her father has just come out of the operating room and has not recovered yet. If you go see him at this time, he won't be able to rest because he has to entertain you."

"My boy, you should have told me this before he entered the operating room. If it's too late to go now, how much longer do you want me to wait? What if I can't survive the operation..."

"Grandma, you can be rest assured that you will live up to a hundred years!"

"If you don't let me go, I'm afraid I won't be able to live until tomorrow, let alone a hundred years old!" His grandmother sulked for a while and suddenly asked, "Hunjun, tell me the truth, is there any issue between you and that Li girl?"

"No!"

Li Shanshan, who had been standing at the door, berated Li Xinqiao in her heart while looking at Fan Hunjun with wide eyes. She was very concerned about how he would answer.

"Li Xinqiao told you about this?"

"Don't blame her. You were abroad back then. How would she know that you would be together with that Li girl? She often came to accompany me, and we'd just chat about the people we know and some family matters."

Li Shanshan glared at Fan Hunjun, thinking to herself, If you have something to say, hurry and say it out! Your hemming and hawing is making me anxious!

Fan Hunjun sighed. "Grandma, you taught me since childhood that I should be responsible. Although I didn't know that Li Shanshan was in love with Zhang Junhao when we received the marriage certificate, I will treat her responsibly since we're already married."

His grandmother nodded. "Great! As expected of my grandson. I can tell that the Li girl is a beautiful and mature girl. She looks capable. No matter what she did in the past, that's her life. Nobody can predict the future. At that time, she never expected to marry you now. As long as she lives a peaceful life with you in the future, you should be kind to her! Do you understand?"

When Li Shanshan heard this, she was almost moved to tears.

Fan Hunjun's grandmother was very reasonable compared with Zhang Junhao's mother.

Usually, people of her age tend to be conservative or even feudal. They were more sensitive than the average person especially regarding women's virginity.

But she knew that Li Shanshan had nothing to do with Fan Hunjun in the past. Whatever she did in the past had nothing to do with Fan Hujun.

Of course, if Li Shanshan did let Fan Hunjun down after their marriage, his grandmother would not forgive her.

Fan Hunjun responded, "I know."

"What do you know? You're just saying that to appease me. If you really understood what I said, then hurry and help me to the wheelchair. Let's go over to visit her father now. Oh, right, you get the money now!"

Regardless of how much Li Shanshan disliked Fan Hunjun, his grandmother's words had already touched Li Shanshan.

Li Shanshan took out her handkerchief, wiped her eyes, and hurried toward Fan Hunjun's grandmother.

"Grandma, you don't have to visit my father. He has just gotten out of the operating room. Now he is very weak, so he doesn't want to meet anybody. You should take a good rest. It's not too late to

visit my father after the operation."

To Fan Hunjun and his grandmother's surprise, Li Shanshan suddenly appeared, causing them to be stunned.

Although his grandmother was blind, she knew who Li Shanshan was from the words she said.

"Oh, you're the girl from the Li family..."

"I am Li Haobo's daughter. My name is Li Shanshan."

"Oh, Shanshan, I'm so sorry. Hunjun is so insensible; he didn't tell me that your dad has undergone such a major operation..."

"Grandma, my dad is okay. The operation was very successful, so you can rest at ease. Tomorrow... Oh yeah, grandma, let me wipe your body for you now as you can't clean your body for a few days after the operation. We all know that you're particular about cleanliness. I will go get you some water."

"Okay, okay, okay." Fan Hunjun's grandmother sighed with joy. "Oh, Hunjun's mother passed away very early, so I didn't get to enjoy the joy of having a daughter. I didn't expect to be able to enjoy such a filial granddaughter-in-law before I die. I'm really happy now!"

Chapter 153 A Talk Between Grandmother and Grandchild

"Hmph, your grandma is blind, but her mind is very clear. I heard Xinqiao say that the girl from the Li family used to be in love with the boy from the Zhang family. Do you have scruples about this?"



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Li Shanshan was quick to act. She first dashed over to the washroom and filled a small plastic tub with warm water, before helping to wash his grandmother's face and hands, followed by her feet. Once she had poured out the dirty water, she filled it again and washed his grandmother's body.

Fan Hunjun turned around and stepped into the corridor beyond the door when Li Shanshan began wiping his grandmother's body.

Although his feelings towards Li Shanshan were worsening, he could see how happy his grandmother was. Fan Hunjun was beginning to realize that a household must have a woman.

The problem was this: could Li Shanshan be the woman to accompany him for the rest of his days?

Fan Hunjun was now faced with two major problems. The first one was Li Shanshan's feelings towards Zhang Junhao. It wouldn't be as easy to sever their feelings towards each other just like that when they had been together for such a long time. What if old passions begin to burn aflame again?

The second problem was Fan Hunjun's feelings towards Li Shanshan.

Although he had pined after Li Shanshan for so many years, he still questioned himself deep down. Is Li Shanshan really so excellent that I can ignore everything as long as I can marry her?

“Oh, why didn’t you say so earlier? This young lady is rather beautiful! What’s her name?”

“Li Shanshan.”

“I see. This young lady’s not bad.” With that, Zhou Manlan opened the door and entered the ward.

Fan Hunjun shrugged. He knew that this supreme actress was about to put on a show again.

“Oh dear, you’re Shanshan, right?” Zhou Manlan dashed over and took the damp washcloth from Li Shanshan’s hand after she had placed the bag onto the bed. “Let me do this instead. Grandmother, look how blessed you are. Your future granddaughter-in-law hasn’t even tied the knot yet, but she’s already helping you out.”

Fan Hunjun’s grandmother was smiling so broadly that she couldn’t keep her mouth closed. “That’s right, this sweet girl is simply so sensible!”

Zhou Manlan didn’t know Li Shanshan, but Li Shanshan knew her.

She had personally witnessed Zhou Manlan evicting Fan Hunjun’s grandmother out of her home a few years ago. She hadn’t imagined that they would make up with each other.

No wonder Fan Hunjun’s loaded. So it’s...

“Auntie, it’s fine. Let me do it.”

“How can I allow that? You can just rest by the

Fan Hunjun's grandmother and Zhou Manlan were stunned. They hadn't expected Li Shanshan to change her term of address for Zhou Manlan this quickly.

Fan Hunjun's grandmother was truly happy from the bottom of her heart.

To her, Li Shanshan was beautiful, as well as nice and docile. Fan Hunjun's grandmother was unable to contain her smiles at the thought of being able to have such a granddaughter-in-law.

Zhou Manlan had just said it on a whim. She hadn't expected Li Shanshan to immediately change her term of address on the spot, so when she heard Li Shanshan call her mum, she was unable to form a response immediately.

She then glanced at Li Shanshan. This girl is just far too nice. She's so beautiful too, but it's a pity; how did Wenxuan never bump into her?

It seemed like she and Li Shanshan were on the same page and agreeable with each other. She immediately thought of her son Huang Wenxuan. In her opinion, it would be pure perfection if Li Shanshan could marry Huang Wenxuan!

"Oh, I didn't know that you would be at the hospital. I had been shopping for some clothes for Grandma to change into earlier, but I didn't get any gifts for you."

"Mum, it's alright."

After all, she had been over the line in her treatment of Fan Hunjun these days, like when she made out with Zhang Junhao by the hospital entrance and got caught by Fan Hunjun and Wang Xu. Fan Hunjun also knew that she even intended to get pregnant with Zhang Junhao's child and then shift the question of paternity by claiming that the child was Fan Hunjun's.

She had been worried earlier about this. Would Fan Hunjun still accept her current self even if she lowered her pride?

When Zhou Manlan asked Li Shanshan to address her by a different honorific, she suddenly thought that as long as this wealthy stepmother took a shine to her, Fan Hunjun would listen to this stepmother. After all, this stepmother of his was simply far too wealthy. Who wouldn't feel humbled by all that money?

"Mum!"

Whew, did Li Shanshan actually just call her Mum?

Fan Hunjun, who was by the door, couldn't help but shake his head.

He knew very well that Li Shanshan called her Mum was certainly not because she had a change of heart and fallen for him; it was because her eyes were on the Fan Group's riches.

However, Li Shanshan didn't know that the Fan Group's riches were not even in the same league as Fan Hunjun's wealth.

side. Oh yes, you and Fan Hunjun have already applied for your marriage cert, haven't you? Why are you still calling me Auntie? You should address me differently."

Even if they knew each other mutually, it wasn't wrong for Li Shanshan to call her Auntie as she was Fan Hunjun's stepmother.

Zhou Manlan knew that as well, but she intended to take the opportunity and get Li Shanshan to call her Mum. As long as she could sweet-talk Li Shanshan, Zhou Manlan was sure that Fan Hunjun would accept her as his stepmother.

The Fan Group was a well-known corporation in River City. They were sure to be listed within the top 20 if you were to go by their assets. Several hundred million bucks worth of assets was no barrier to that.

At the thought of becoming the daughter-in-law of the Fans and being able to immediately step into the circle of River City's most famous ladies, Li Shanshan was overjoyed. Never mind her father's hospital treatments and her future livelihood, the 700,000 that she had borrowed from her students' parents would not be a matter worth bothering anymore.

Of course, there was still a hole in her heart.

Zhang Junhao might have said that he had never touched Li Shanshan, but Fan Hunjun didn't know as to whether Li Shanshan was a virgin or not.

He still maintained his stance; even if Li Shanshan was actually a virgin, everyone else who knew Li Shanshan and Zhang Junhao would point their fingers at him and called him a cuckold. Could Fan Hunjun endure people whispering behind his back?

Words were truly frightening!

Although he had heard as a child that he should walk his own path and let the others continue their worthless chatter...

How many people could actually put that in practice despite understanding the principle?

"Hunjun, why are you standing by the door?"

Right then, Zhou Manlan walked over with a huge plastic bag in her hands. It was filled with clothes that she had bought for Fan Hunjun's grandmother.

Fan Hunjun had just turned around, but Zhou Manlan was already pressing herself against the glass panel of the door and peered inside to see Li Shanshan helping to wipe his grandmother down.

She stared for quite a while before turning to ask Fan Hunjun. "Huh, is she your fiancée?"

Fan Hunjun nodded. "We've already gotten our marriage cert!"

I'm going to faint. She's talking to Zhou Manlan so affectionately, as if she's her own mother. Looks like Li Shanshan's a great actress too!

Fan Hunjun stood by the door and shook his head. There was a saying that three women together would be a stage play. He thought that the household would be rather lively in the future as long as Zhou Manlan and Li Shanshan were there.

Zhou Manlan hastily dropped the washcloth into the tub and pulled out a card from her purse. "Shanshan, since this is our first time meeting each other and you've decided to call me Mum, I should give you a gift on top of my greeting to you. I'll give this to you. You better not whine that it's too little!"

"This—"

"Your mother-in-law gave it to you. You should take it," Fan Hunjun's grandmother hastily added.

In truth, Fan Hunjun's grandmother was very protective of Li Shanshan, as though she was deathly afraid that Zhou Manlan would go back on her word.

And besides, she knew that Zhou Manlan was not a stingy person. This gift was certainly in the millions.

Li Shanshan was a little embarrassed by this, but Zhou Manlan instantly shoved the card in her hand and told her the passcode to the card.

Li Shanshan knew that the amount on the card that Zhou Manlan had just given her was no small sum.

Right at that moment, Li Haobo called Li Shanshan.

Li Shanshan took a look at the number blinking on her phone and hurriedly spoke up. "Mum, Grandma, there's something I have to attend to with my dad. I'll be over to take a look."

"Go ahead then."

Fan Hunjun immediately darted over to the side when he saw Li Shanshan exiting.

Li Shanshan didn't notice Fan Hunjun at all while she charged over to Li Haobo's room. It turned out that Li Haobo was hungry and wished Li Shanshan to get some porridge for him to eat.

Li Shanshan immediately made a beeline for the hospital entrance and happened to find an ATM inside the hospital. She took out the card that Zhou Manlan gave her and inserted it into the machine, but she nearly passed out at the sight of the screen.



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Li Shanshan completely couldn't believe what she was seeing. She carefully scrutinized the row of numbers, especially the string of zeros at the end. She scanned them over and over, before she was sure that there was indeed one million bucks on the card.

Li Shanshan trembled.

She hurriedly withdrew the card as though she was a thief and scrambled to stuff it into her bag. She clutched at her bag with both hands as she darted her gaze around, as if she was afraid that someone would snatch it away.

It wasn't like Li Shanshan had never seen such money before. There was the 600,000 that kept exchanging hands between Fang Youqin and Fan Hunjun, and the 700,000 that she borrowed from her students' parents was a hefty sum as well.

However, this one million was different. This was a gift that Zhou Manlan had given her for their first meeting. It was money that belonged to herself. She had never received such a humongous sum of money ever in her life.

Such an earth-shattering surprise left her at a loss.

Poverty had restrained her imagination, breeding a mentality of hating the bourgeois within her. Back then, she thought that people weren't anything special for having money. Life should be lived tastefully; that was why she was always dismissive towards Ma Panhan and the other classmates who were rich.

300,000 or 500,000.

Li Haobo deliberately set his guess even lower in order to play along with his daughter. "She's a well-known dame in River City, and she's childless. If Fan Hunjun has truly accepted her, then I suppose she gave you 10,000, am I right?"

Li Shanshan fed him as she spoke. "A whole one million!"

"What? Cough—"

A mouthful of porridge nearly made Li Haobo choke to death.

Li Shanshan hastily put down the bowl in her hand and angled Li Haobo's body to the side so that she could slap his back.

One million, and as a gift just for a first meeting? When it came to the bride price money, how much should it be?

When Li Haobo accepted the gifts from those developers back then, just 10,000 was enough to make him excited for days. Later on when he was framed and someone gave him a card with 50,000 on it, he didn't know where he should hide it.

Zhou Manlan, however, had given a million, and she gave it just when their household needed it the most. Not even Li Haobo could hold back his emotions, let alone Li Shanshan.

"Shanshan," Li Haobo said with a melancholy look

So when she first experienced having a million of her own, she practically couldn't believe that it was real. She pinched her own arm hard. Once she had ascertained that this wasn't a dream, there was only one thought in her mind: being rich was awesome!

Li Shanshan bought some porridge from a little shop. Even when she returned to Li Haobo's room and fed him, she still wasn't able to rein in the excitement within her. Her entire body quivered from it.

Li Haobo could detect that there was something off about her. That sort of unbridled joy was something that Li Haobo hadn't ever seen in his daughter before.

"Shanshan, is there something you're happy about?"

Li Shanshan nodded. "I ran into Thoughtless Hun's... oh, Fan Hunjun's stepmother earlier, and she gave me a card as a gift for our first meeting. Guess how much is on it?"

Li Haobo knew that Fan Hunjun's stepmother was the Finance Director of the famous Fan Group as well as the wife of the group's CEO, Zhou Manlan.

Li Haobo knew very well that his daughter was not one to lust over money; she was only sensitive towards money now because of his sickness.

From his daughter's appearance, Li Haobo estimated that Zhou Manlan's gift must be at least

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on his face after he snapped out of his reverie. He tightly grasped her hands. "I know that you've been proud since you were a child. You've never thought highly of money, but now..."



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“Dad, don’t be overly emotional.”

“I’m not being overly emotional, but I still want to say this. Zhang Junhao has never helped you, and his family have no intentions of helping you either, but Fan Hunjun can change your life. You have to treasure this opportunity. Never be blinded by money, and never feel bad about your future happiness.”

“Got it, Dad. Lie down now.” Li Shanshan helped Li Haobo to lie back down. “His stepmother is the one who gave me the money. She didn’t hand it to me in front of him. He still doesn’t know about it!”

There was a hidden implication; Li Shanshan still didn’t know what Fan Hunjun would think.

“Silly child, this is such a large sum of money. If Fan Hunjun hadn’t recognized you or approved of you, would his stepmother have given you the money? And besides, he even tore up the agreement for those 600,000 that you borrowed. Doesn’t that illustrate the problem?”

Li Shanshan did not make a sound.

“Child, in truth, you don’t have to do anything else. You just need to direct half your enthusiasm towards Zhang Junhao to Fan Hunjun. I reckon that will be enough to make him feel content. He’s a kind child. I certainly haven’t judged him wrongly.”

It would have been alright if Zhang Junhao wasn’t mentioned at all, but now that Li Haobo brought

him up, images of those moments she shared with Zhang Junhao over the years drifted unbidden to her mind.

She clearly realized that she had offered all her passion and feelings towards love to Zhang Junhao. The current relationship between her and Fan Hunjun was but a mere transaction. Asking her to treat him with half the niceness she had towards Zhang Junhao was probably asking for the impossible.

Because right now, all she had in mind was the Fans' wealth. She had no feelings towards Fan Hunjun at all.

If it wasn't because she remembered what had happened when Li Xinqiao was about to leave, she would still be calling Fan Hunjun 'Thoughtless Hun'.

She knew that her father was right. She could be nice to Fan Hunjun's stepmother and grandmother, and even his father, but she felt that she was unable to love Thoughtless Hun.

Li Haobo was able to see through Li Shanshan's concerns, and he knew that she had always been a bit stubborn when it came to feelings and relationships. It was a certain impossibility for her to change in such a short period of time. He could only slowly guide her towards it.

Aren't humans like that? Feelings would bloom after some time. As long as they could continue to get along together, Li Haobo believed that even if

his daughter was a stony person, her stone-cold heart could be melted, all because of Fan Hunjun's kindness and his love towards Li Shanshan.

Before then, Li Haobo felt that the only way to sever all ties between Li Shanshan and Zhang Junhao was to expedite the wedding between her and Fan Hunjun.

"Shanshan, let us put love aside for a while." Li Haobo tested the waters. "Didn't you agree to Fang Youqin's request to marry and have a child with him? You've already filed your marriage cert with Fan Hunjun. If you can, I hope that you'll talk it out with Fan Hunjun and ask him when the wedding will be held."

Li Shanshan's face reddened. "No way, his stepmother just gave me a gift. If I rush into wedding discussions, won't their family think that I'm just chasing after the bride price?"

"Silly, you're about to be the wife to the heir of the Fans. Half of the Fans' wealth will become yours. That's a couple hundred million there. Who would still accuse you of simply going after the bride price?"

Li Shanshan's heart began to hammer again when she realized that she would have a few hundred million in this lifetime.

"Child, I know that it's difficult to force yourself to change your attitude towards Fan Hunjun. Wouldn't talking about the wedding naturally help to change the relationship between you two?"

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Li Shanshan nodded her head, deep in thought.

“That’s right, where did you meet his stepmother?”

“His grandmother’s in the hospital. She’s in a ward by the front. Her surgery is tomorrow.”

“Huh? Help me up now. I have to see his grandmother!”



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Li Shanshan was torn between laughing and crying as she watched Li Haobo struggle to get up.

It's the money's fault!

"Dad, you still have an oxygen tube up your nose. You're still on a drip too, and your incisions haven't healed yet. How are you going to get up?"

"Then... don't stay with me anymore. I'm fine. You should hurry and visit his grandmother!"

"Alright, let me just feed you the rest of the porridge. I heard that his father is warded at this hospital too."

"Huh? Child, are you still unable to see it? His grandmother and father have been admitted to hospital, but you waited by the operating theater the whole day..." Li Haobo sighed. "You should know when to keep your head down. To tell you the truth, I truly cannot see how Zhang Junhao is better than Fan Hunjun apart from his looks, especially when it comes to treating you well."

"That's enough. Let me feed you the rest of the porridge, and I'll be over in a bit."

"I won't eat it. Hurry over now!"

Right then, the door opened and a few people stepped in. Li Shanshan looked up and saw that it was her former classmates—Pang Zhibiao was the one who led the group of men and women in. His father was the owner of the Eastern Water

Heaters Company, and he was currently the CEO of said company. He was one of the wealthier ones among her former classmates.

Chen Che and Ma Panhan had also come.

Chen Che had wanted to see how Li Shanshan was doing after she and Fan Hunjun had filed a marriage certificate together. On the other hand, Ma Panhan was here to see Fan Hunjun.

“Miss Pretty Li, nice to see you!”

“Uncle Li, good to see you!”

“Oh.” Li Shanshan hastily got up to welcome them. “Why are you all here?”

Pang Zhibiao grumbled to Li Shanshan. “Your father went for an operation. Why didn’t you bring it up to us in the chat group? If it wasn’t for Zhang Junhao posting about it in the chat, we still wouldn’t know.”

Then, Pang Zhibiao handed a red packet to Li Shanshan.

His red packet was rather thick; there was a thousand in it. The other red packets contained two or three hundred. Some even contained five or six hundred.

Chen Che also gave her a red packet containing 600. However, Ma Panhan had also prepared another red packet with 10,000 in it that she intended to discreetly give to Fan Hunjun.

Pang Zhibiao had been surprised when he saw the message that Fang Youqin posted in the group. He was the one who posted “Hold your horses, is Fan Hunjun some kind of deity or something? It’s that clown with the nickname ‘Thoughtless Hun’, isn’t it? What’s up with Zhang Junhao? If he can’t perform well in bed, he should have brought it up to me. Even if he needs help, he doesn’t have to look for Thoughtless Hun, right?” in the chat group.

He had crushed on Li Shanshan for many years, just like his other male classmates. He simply thought that his appearance couldn’t compare to Zhang Junhao’s, and since he never went to the same university as Li Shansahn, he concealed those feelings.

The only thing that differentiated him from the rest was that he also pursued Fang Youqin.

While his family’s wealth was less than the Fangs, he thought that no one else was worthy of pursuing Fang Youqin, or even dared to make a move on her, apart from him. In the end, Fang Youqin rejected him just like she did the rest.

Later on, he got to know his current fiancée. Their wedding was set to be held three months later, on Independence Day.

“Hey, I say Miss Pretty Li, why is it that I see no hide or hair of Uncle Li’s future son-in-law, Thoughtless Hun?”

Li Haobo didn’t feel comfortable with Pang

Chen Che piped up. "Whoa dude, those two can't be duking it out in some deserted spot now right?"

"Hahaha!"

His words incited a round of raucous laughter.

Li Haobo had heard from his daughter that Fan Hunjun's grandmother was staying near his room, and Fan Hunjun's stepmother was here too.

Li Haobo worried that their banter and noise would make Fan Hunjun come over. It would be troublesome if a fight were to break out here.

He hastily made a pained groan.

It was then that everyone quietened. Li Shanshan dashed over to Li Haobo's side. "Dad, what's wrong?"

"Hurts."

"Where?"

Li Haobo shot her a look when Li Shanshan lowered her head and pressed closer. She instantly understood him.

She nodded and turned to face her former classmates. "I'm truly sorry. My father needs some peace and quiet after his surgery. Here, let's head over to the courtyard for a bit."

"No need for that," said Pang Zhibiao. "We're just here for a visit. We'll be leaving now. If there's

anything you need, just shoot us a call.”

“That’s right, Shanshan. You should do what you need to do. We’ll be off.”

“Tell Fan Hunjun that we’ve swung by here. If he’s still not here the next time we come to visit, we won’t agree to come anymore!”

“That’s right. He’s such a wuss. Not only is he poor, he still isn’t around to help out when his new old man got out of surgery.”

Everyone whined and grumbled, as though their words wouldn’t hurt Fan Hunjun at all.

Li Shanshan also worried that Fan Hunjun and Zhou Manlan would catch wind of this, so she hastily sent them off with a smile.

Li Shanshan’s classmates made her go back after she had accompanied them to the hospital entrance. She hurriedly turned back after she tossed out several words of thanks.

Those former classmates began to grumble again after their frozen smiles melted away. Pang Zhibiao was especially begrudged, likening Li Shanshan’s marriage to planting flowers on a cowpat.

Under typical circumstances, Chen Che would have parroted his views, but since Ma Panhan was with him today, he was far more sensible this time.

A female classmate chimed in. “Oh right, do you

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Zhibiao's poisonous, jesting tone. He was especially worried that Fan Hunjun would come at any moment, but since he was with his daughter, he couldn't say anything. These people here had come for his daughter after all.

Li Shanshan laughed awkwardly but didn't make another sound.

"I told you that Thoughtless Hun is an unreliable guy. Why didn't you call me when you broke up with Zhang Junhao?"



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It was then that Li Shanshan replied with a smile. "Look at you. You're about to have a wedding on Independence Day but you're still making such a joke. I can't get on your future wife's bad side. She's the boss of a modeling company. If I had a bunch of models waiting by the school entrance then, would I still be able to go to work with my reputation intact?"

"Look at yourself, don't you still have me? If you just called me, I would have immediately broken everything off with her, and besides, I'm a huge stakeholder in that modeling company of hers. If that's not enough for you, I shall even give the entire modeling company to you!"

"Okay, that's enough. People here can be such gossipers. If word gets to her, you'll end up kneeling on one of those rough kneeling boards at night!"

"Whew, Miss Pretty Li, don't tell me that you're prepared to make Thoughtless Hun kneel for you? Man, it's got to be such a joyful thing to be able to kneel on a board that you bought!"

Their classmates immediately began to hoot and cheer.

"When this guy gets all dirty, he's capable of giving Thoughtless Hun a run for his money!"

However, Ma Panhan had a question. "Where's Zhang Junhao? He's the one who messaged us, so why isn't he around?"

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guys think that Thoughtless Hun will invite us to his wedding with Li Shanshan?"

"Can he even afford two invitations?" Pang Zhibiao scoffed before he turned and addressed his former classmates. "Even if he doesn't invite us, we shall swing by when the time comes and crash it. Let's just see how Thoughtless Hun will resolve this."

Ma Panhan smiled coldly. Just you try. Who knows, maybe you'd end up being the embarrassed one instead!

Ma Panhan took advantage of the chatter as everyone headed to the entrance to take out her phone and send a text to Fan Hunjun. "Where are you?"



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