

Big Shot 401

Chapter 401: You're Letting Them Leave Just Like That?

Now that she thought about it, it started to scare her.

She didn't really want to offend Qiao Mianmian.

She definitely didn't want to offend her in the slightest way.

"That's enough Xiao Xiao, we still have classes. Let's go." Zhang Yuwei pulled Bai Xiao back as she was afraid that Bai Xiao would really offend Qiao Mianmian. If that were to happen, things wouldn't go well for both of them.

Bai Xiao seemed to have recalled what happened to Shen Yueyue and toned down her attitude.

She scoffed. "Hmph. Let's go, then."

The two of them then walked past Qiao Mianmian hand in hand.

Jiang Luoli was furious. "Baby, are you letting them leave just like that?"

Qiao Mianmian sighed. "If not, are we really going to fight them here? There are too many people. If someone were to report us, it wouldn't benefit either of us."

"But, they went too far just now," Jiang Luoli said, clenching her fist. "How can they say that? They were your roommates, and they're still doing this to you. This is awful."

Even though she was the one who was insulted, Qiao Mianmian appeared more calm compared to Jiang Luoli. She said calmly, "I think they were influenced by the post. I think the creator of that post is more horrible."

The key issue now was to find out who created the post.

"But at least we can be sure that they weren't the ones who created the post."

Jiang Luoli was still angry. "Even if they didn't create the post, they went too far with the things they said. If there weren't that many people here, I would've beaten the crap out of Bai Xiao. Thank goodness we're no longer living with them anymore. It would be infuriating seeing them around."

Qiao Mianmian nodded. "Yup. Thank goodness we're not living with them anymore."

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Before she headed for lessons, Qiao Mianmian sent the link of the post to Qiao Chen.

She didn't have many classes in the morning. After the two lessons, her day was practically free.

When she left the classroom, Qiao Chen hadn't replied to her yet.

Qiao Chen was still attending classes at that time.

High school classes were more rigid than those in university. He should still be in school and had no time to check for the ID of the post creator.

Qiao Mianmian wasn't in a rush as well.

Even though this strongly affected her mood, she knew how to solve it.

As long as she could find out who the post creator was, the rumors would end.

It was just a matter of time.

She didn't mind waiting for a while longer.

However, Jiang Luoli was clearly more anxious than her.

As soon as the class was over, she immediately bombarded Qiao Mianmian with questions. "Did Chen Chen reply to you? Did he find out the ID of the person? Do you know the person already?"

Qiao Mianmian shook her head and replied, "Not yet. He's still in the class I think. I think he will only have the time to do it in the afternoon. Don't worry, we should have the truth uncovered by tomorrow."

"Tomorrow?" Jiang Luoli frowned. "The post is getting traction. There's a high chance that everyone in school knows about it already. If more people know about it, it might affect you.

"You just finally auditioned successfully, and you're not even done with the contract signed. What if this matter spreads to Weibo..."

"Luo Luo, I have thought things through already. But we cannot rush things now. Also, I'm a nobody. Even if it gets to Weibo, it won't create such a big impact.

"Who would pay attention to a nobody like me?"

Jiang Luoli frowned. "I'm not worried about how the online mob will react. I'm worried about your image to the people in the studio."

Chapter 402: Do You Have the Time to Meet Now?

"I don't think that it will affect me that much..." Qiao Mianmian thought for a moment before replying smilingly. "I don't think that my luck is so bad. Weren't you the one who said that my luck became better ever since I met Mo Yesi?"

"I don't believe I will be unlucky ever again."

"Ok..." Jiang Luoli shrugged. "I hope so, too."

"Oh, right. Baby, the studio hasn't informed you of the contracting signing?"

Even though it was Bai Yusheng's informal decision that Qiao Mianmian was named the third female lead on the spot, they weren't expecting any changes to it.

But as long no contracts were signed, nothing was guaranteed.

Qiao Mianmian shook her head. "Not yet."

"Let's wait for a while more, then. They should call you by the end of today. Do you want me to ask Big Brother Bai?"

“No need for that. I’ll just wait to hear from them.”

As soon as she finished the sentence, her phone rang.

She fished out her phone. Thinking that it was from the studio, she picked up anxiously.

She took a deep breath and tried to sound as calm as possible. “Hi, this is Qiao Mianmian.”

“Hi, Miss Qiao. I’m Linda, one of the managers from Star Splendor. Do you have the time to meet now?”

Qiao Mianmian was shocked. “You’re Xie Linda?”

Hearing the name, Jiang Luoli was shocked as well.

“Yes. I hope to discuss something with you. Can we meet up to chat?”

Qiao Mianmian frowned and went silent.

She turned to look at Jiang Luoli with a puzzled look.

Wasn’t Xie Linda Qiao Anxin’s manager?

Why was she calling?

Linda also went silent for a while before continuing, “If Miss Qiao isn’t free to leave the school, I can come over to find you. Just let me know when you’re available.”

Qiao Mianmian was speechless.

After a while, she hung up the phone.

Jiang Luoli immediately asked, “Did Qiao Anxin’s manager just call you?”

“Yes.” Qiao Mianmian replied, still puzzled.

She was puzzled over why Xie Linda called. What does she want?

“Why did she call you?”

“I’m not sure. She said that she wants to meet me to discuss some things.”

Jiang Luoli replied, “What does she have to discuss with you about? She must be aware of the bad relationship between both of you.”

“That’s right. I’m curious as well,” Qiao Mianmian replied as she looked at the phone. “I’ve agreed to meet up with her.”

“You agreed to meet her?”

“Yes.”

“Let me go, instead. Aren’t you afraid that it could be a trap set up by her and Qiao Anxin?”

Qiao Mianmian thought for a while, shook her head, and replied, "I don't think so. She sounded quite sincere. It seems like she really has something important to discuss with me. I've arranged to meet her at the coffee shop outside of school. She wouldn't dare to do anything on our turf."

Jiang Luoli was still worried that something was wrong.

Why would Qiao Anxin's manager call her?

They must have some bad intentions.

"Let me accompany you, then." Jiang Luoli suggested after thinking for a moment. "I'll be worried if you go alone. I'm also curious about what Xie Linda wants to discuss with you."

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Half an hour later.

At the coffee shop outside of the Yuncheng City Film Academy.

When they arrived, they saw that Linda was already sitting at a discrete corner of the store.

Chapter 403: I Will Do My Best to Make You Popular

As they approached the table, Linda looked up and saw that Jiang Luoli came along. She raised her brows and smilingly said, "Miss Qiao and Miss Jiang seem to have a close relationship."

"Of course."

Jiang Luoli wasn't going to be nice. She took a seat and asked for a coffee.

She then looked at Linda and said, "I'm not ok with letting my baby come alone."

Linda didn't mind and smilingly said, "Miss Jiang, you're right to worry. I understand that our previous meetings weren't pleasant. But you can rest assured. The reason why I'm looking for Miss Qiao today is purely to discuss some matters, nothing else."

"Oh, is it?" Jiang Luoli replied as she took a long look at Linda. "So, what are you looking to discuss with my baby?"

Linda smiled again before turning to Qiao Mianmian. She paused for a moment before saying, "Miss Qiao, you don't have a manager at the moment, right?"

Qiao Mianmian paused before nodding. "Yes."

She couldn't even be considered as a small fry. Where would she get a manager?

No one would sign a contract with a nobody like her.

Linda nodded and smilingly replied, "Miss Qiao, you're really beautiful. To be honest, I was responsible for several artists, but none of them could match up to you. You were born for this industry. If you had gotten some good training and resources, you would've become famous a long time ago."

Qiao Mianmian was puzzled and frowned. Then, with some doubt, she asked. "What are you trying to get to, Miss Xie?"

She didn't like it when people tried to beat around the bush.

Linda also wasn't planning to continue beating around the bush. She thought for a moment before staring straight at Qiao Mianmian and replying, "I've been with Start Splendor for a decade. From a total novice to a first-class manager.

"In this decade, I have created tens of top-rated artists. Anyone under my management would at least be B-rated. What I'm trying to say is that. Miss Qiao, if you're willing to let me be your manager, I promise to make you a top-rated artist in two years.

"Of course, with your good looks, and with some luck, we can get some really good resources. It will only take half a year if that's the case. If you're willing to let me be your manager, I will utilize all my connections in the industry to get the best resources for you.

"I will do my best to make you popular."

When Linda was done, both Qiao Mianmian and Jiang Luoli were shocked.

After pausing for a long while, Qiao Mianmian asked in disbelief, "What you're saying is that you want to be my manager?"

"Yes."

Qiao Mianmian was speechless.

Was she having hearing problems?

What was Xie Linda up to?

"Miss Xie, I recall that you're Qiao Anxin's manager. I don't think you can manage other artists at the same time, right?"

In fact, Su Ze was quite dedicated to making Qiao Anxin famous.

He was willing to let a top-rated manager like Linda manage her alone.

Linda took a sip of the coffee and slowly spoke. "I was, but no longer."

Qiao Mianmian was shocked again. "You're no longer her manager?"

"Yes," Linda replied calmly. "Something happened between us, and I left Star Splendor because of it. I just finished the paperwork yesterday. Miss Qiao, I've spent a decade there, and now that I'm leaving, I can never go back."

Chapter 404: There's No Rush, You Can Take Your Time to Consider It

"There isn't a need for you to worry. I will still go back for Qiao Anxin occasionally. If it was up to me, I wouldn't have managed her. It was only because of the boss.

“Do consider my proposal. I’m really sincere to have you under my management. Oh, I’m currently working in Huan Yu. I have some personal ties with their boss, and it isn’t an issue for me to secure resources for you.

“If you’re still worried, we can have a formal arrangement through a contract. If I fail to make you popular in the period stated in the contract, I will pay you a fee for wasting your time. The fee can even be decided by you.”

Qiao Mianmian was speechless.

Her proposal really showed her sincerity.

It was really attractive as well.

It was clear that Linda really wanted Qiao Mianmian to be under her management.

Qiao Mianmian didn’t have any grudges against her as well.

The one that she had grudges with was with Qiao Anxin.

It had nothing to do with Linda.

But Qiao Mianmian still couldn’t accept the fact that Qiao Anxin’s formal manager wanted to manage her now.

Also, she wasn’t sure if Linda was being truthful with her as well.

Hence, despite the attractive terms, Qiao Mianmian wasn’t comfortable accepting it on the spot.

Linda didn’t expect her to answer so quickly and smilingly continued, “There’s no rush, you can take your time to consider it. Call me when you make up your mind.”

Qiao Mianmian took a long look at Linda, nodded, and said, “Thanks, Miss Xie. But, I have a question.”

“What is it?”

“Why me? I’m just a nobody, and my portfolio is practically empty. Isn’t it risky for you to manage me?”

Linda held the cup with the cartoon image and replied nonchalantly, “To be honest, I wanted to manage you since the first time we met. It was just that Su Ze didn’t allow me to do so.

“Even though he hasn’t fully taken over Star Splendor, he was still my boss and the Young Master of the Su Mandate. I didn’t dare to go against him.

“Qiao Anxin is nowhere as pretty as you, yet with support, she became so popular. Hence, I don’t think that it’s risky for me. Also, even if it’s risky, I like the thrill of accomplishing something so challenging.

“I’m confident in you.

“Also, I want to make you popular to demoralize Qiao Anxin. I want Su Ze to know that it was a mistake to fire me over a woman.”

Linda got angrier as she spoke.

She couldn't believe that Su Ze would fire her.

She was prepared to leave Star Splendor already. But she wanted to leave on her own terms and not be given the pink slip.

She had been with Start Splendor for ten years.

She made so many artists popular for Star Splendor, she should at least be recognized for that.

She didn't expect to be treated this way by Su Ze.

She was really disappointed by how she was treated and didn't expect much from Star Splendor anymore.

So long as Su Ze and Qiao Anxin were in the company, she was never going back there.

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Linda didn't stay much longer after she was done conveying her message.

Jiang Luoli then helped Qiao Mianmian analyze the information they were conveyed just now. "Seems like Linda and Qiao Anxin really argued. This explains why Linda wasn't there when Qiao Anxin was in trouble yesterday. They must have argued over something, and Qiao Anxin fired Linda because of it."

Chapter 405: Are You Available For Lunch?

"Linda has been with Star Splendor for so long. She must be furious to be fired by Su Ze in this manner.

"I think that's one of the reasons she wants you. She's planning to get back at Su Ze and Qiao Anxin. The other reason is that she wants you for your potential and to produce good results for Huan Yu.

"In order for her to be respected in the new company, she needs to bring over some artists as well. If she can make a nobody like you popular, she can show her capabilities to her new boss. Hence, she will put in her best effort to make you popular.

"I feel that her terms are really attractive. What are your thoughts?"

Qiao Mianmian thought for a while as she supported herself with her hand. Then, she replied, "I feel the terms are really attractive as well."

"Babe, this is an opportunity for you. Can't you see that you're on a streak recently? Xie Linda approached you immediately after you got the third female character in Big Brother Bai's new show. I was planning to find you to discuss getting a manager, and Xie Linda approached immediately as well.

"Huan Yu is the largest and best management agency in the country. They have a lot of top artistes under them. Even though Star Splendor's recent development is great, it cannot measure up to them."

"Yes, I understand." Qiao Mianmian nodded. "If I go there, it would be great too."

"So, are you going to..."

“No need to rush. Let’s wait for a couple of days first. I’m pretty sure she wouldn’t mind waiting for a couple of days if she’s keen on the deal.”

There were some issues Qiao Mianmian had to figure out before coming to a decision.

There were serious implications after signing the contract, so she had to be careful.

“That’s true as well. It wouldn’t hurt to be more careful. But I feel that if her objective is purely to manage you to make you popular, signing the contract with her would be a great choice.”

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In the afternoon.

Qiao Mianmian made plans with Jiang Luoli to eat river snails rice noodles at the shop near school. As they headed downstairs, holding hands, Qiao Mianmian received a message from Mo Yesi.

He asked: [Miss Qiao, are you available for lunch?]

Qiao Mianmian stopped in her tracks.

“Babe, what’s wrong?” Jiang Luoli asked as she saw Qiao Mianmian come to an abrupt stop.

“Hmm. Luo Luo, I can’t join you this afternoon,” Qiao Mianmian explained. “Why don’t we eat tomorrow?”

Jiang Luoli was puzzled for a while, before realizing that the message was from Mo Yesi.

She wasn’t going to interrupt her best friend’s date with her husband.

“Sure, any time. Did Prince Charming ask you out for lunch? Have fun.”

Qiao Mianmian pouted and said, “Why don’t you come along?”

“No, I’m not going.” Jiang Luoli shook her head. “I’m not going along to be a third-wheel. It’s alright, enjoy each other’s company.”

“Hmm, he isn’t here yet.”

“Then, just wait for him at home. I’ll go off first, then.”

Qiao Mianmian stood at the door and watched Jiang Luoli leave. She then closed the door and replied Mo Yesi. [Chairman Mo, aren’t you really busy? Why do you have the time to ask me out for lunch? Don’t you have a lunch meeting with anyone?]

Mo Yesi immediately replied, [Yes, I do.]

Before Qiao Mianmian could reply, Mo Yesi followed up with another message. [I have a lunch meeting with Chairman Wang from Heng Tong Company. But if you agree to meet me, I will immediately push off this meeting.]

Qiao Mianmian smiled as she read the message.

The message showed how important she was to Mo Yesi and that he really wanted to make her happy.

Chapter 406: She Really Felt Like He Was Pursuing Her

She knew what he was getting at.

She went warm on the inside and couldn't help but smile.

When she hadn't replied even after a while, Mo Yesi sent another message: [Miss Qiao, I'll come over to pick you up?]

Qiao Mianmian was about to laugh when she saw how he'd changed the way he addressed her too.

This whole dating thing seemed rather legitimate.

She suddenly felt that she actually enjoyed her current relationship with Mo Yesi.

She really felt like he was pursuing her.

Any woman who was being pursued by such an outstanding man would feel good about herself.

Qiao Mianmian guessed that he needed an answer soon and replied: [Mm. Come and pick me up, then.]

Mo Yesi responded instantly: [I'll be at your dormitory in 20 minutes, at most. Think about what you want for lunch.]

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Qiao Mianmian scrolled through Weibo while waiting for Mo Yesi's arrival. She saw Qiao Anxin's news again.

It was a public declaration regarding the incident.

Qiao Anxin wrote a post about why she and that female celebrity ended up in a hustle in the first place. She mentioned that it was the other party who humiliated her very badly and provoked her intentionally. She only got physical because she couldn't hold it in any longer.

And after the incident, she ended up with more wounds than the other celebrity.

So, she was the one who'd really been hit.

Qiao Anxin sounded very innocent and helpless in her post.

In any case, it sounded as if everything she did was justifiable, and the fault lay solely with the other celebrity.

She even said that she'd send that artiste her lawyer's letter, suing her for slander.

Star Splendor probably used their resources to salvage Qiao Anxin's image. Almost all of the comments on this declaration were in support of her. The very few nasty ones were drowned out easily.

Some of the official entertainment firm accounts reposted Qiao Anxin's original post too.

Qiao Mianmian went to the comment section of those reposts and saw the same sort of comments by the "supporters."

Such as: It's fine as long as she learns from her mistake. We've all made mistakes before. Moreover, it's the other party who insulted Qiao Anxin first. Anyone would get angry if they were in her shoes.

And also: Qiao Anxin only got physical because the other party started it. Honestly, if someone scolded me in my face, and put me down so badly, I'd get physical too. Nobody's a saint, so don't use that sort of standard to judge someone else. Think about how you would have reacted if you were her. Would you have been able to keep a smile on?

Some of them commented that it wasn't good for a celebrity to hit others in public and that these acts would be detrimental to her younger fans. But these comments were quickly rebutted as well by the "supporters."

The comment section was practically drowned out and "cleaned" by those supporting accounts.

Soon, some so-called witnesses appeared and claimed that it was indeed the other party who provoked Qiao Anxin intentionally. It seemed that Qiao Anxin held it in for a long time, but the other party wouldn't stop, and that was why Qiao Anxin lost it eventually.

The so-called witnesses even said that if they'd been in Qiao Anxin's position, they'd have done the same because her words were too crude and mean.

Qiao Anxin's image was supposed to be that of a first love in school. She'd always appeared pure and innocent.

Chapter 407: You Don't Even Know You've Been Cheated

She was a sweet little girl in everyone's eyes.

And her temper was very good to most people. She always seemed so gentle, and her fans online felt that she was a down-to-earth and approachable celebrity.

Qiao Anxin had more than 10 million followers on her Weibo.

When the news first came about online, many of her fans simply refused to believe it. They felt that the gentle little girl they knew couldn't possibly hit someone else.

Unless there was a very good reason for it.

They were waiting for a plot twist, an explanation.

Now that the declaration was made public, the fans got back at everyone who said something mean about Qiao Anxin.

Many online users dared not even voice their opinions about Qiao Anxin anymore.

They were afraid of being openly targeted by her fans.

These loyal fans, together with the so-called "supporters" deployed by Star Splendor, took over the internet.

Some renowned celebrities even stood forward to defend Qiao Anxin too.

The situation suddenly took on a very different twist.

Qiao Mianmian quietly looked through Weibo.

She'd already guessed that Star Splendor would clean up this mess for Qiao Anxin.

Qiao Anxin was an artiste that Star Splendor put so many resources into grooming. Given that fact, and her unique relationship with Su Ze, how could he not do anything about it?

It was obvious from the sheer number of "supporters" that Star Splendor spent a huge sum to clear up her image.

What was important was that it seemed very successful.

The problem was more or less settled.

In a few more days, another headline would replace "Qiao Anxin fights in public," and this would soon be forgotten.

In this day and age, information was being transmitted at an alarming rate.

No matter how huge the news was, it wouldn't stay on the front page for long.

Especially when Star Splendor was doing all it could to suppress it.

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At the Su household.

Mother Su slammed her cell phone on the table angrily. "Tell me, what's with this? How did Qiao Anxin end up in a fight with someone else? She doesn't even care about her image now.

"You want me to approve of such a woman as my daughter-in-law?"

"Mom." Su Ze was rubbing his forehead. "It isn't what you think it is. Anxin's temper is usually very good, and she's never fought with anyone before. This is her first time getting physical with anyone. I've asked her about it; the other person scolded her first, that's why she lost it."

Mother Su sneered. "Never fought with anyone before? Looking at the way she fought, it doesn't seem like her first time. Ah Ze, you can't just judge her by how she looks. As long as she wants to put on a show, she'll be able to do a good job at it. Are you sure you know her for who she really is?"

Su Ze looked up at his mother with his brows furrowed. "Mom, Anxin and I have known each other for years. I know very well what sort of person she is. Your son isn't that silly."

"Ha." Mother Su smirked again. "I do think you're silly and lacking in judgment. You don't even know you've been cheated. How could I have given birth to such a foolish son."

"Mom..."

"You said she isn't lying. Then, let me ask you. Didn't she say that she was less than three months pregnant?"

Su Ze was a little stunned.

He had been suspicious about this the previous day too.

But when he took Qiao Anxin to the hospital for a check-up...

The report showed that Qiao Anxin was in fact pregnant.

After seeing the report, he no longer had any doubts.

Chapter 408: Do You Really Not Have Any Feelings for Mianmian Anymore?

Su Ze quietly and slowly walked to the couch and sat beside his mother. "I personally took her to the hospital for a check-up yesterday. She's really pregnant. Mom, the child Anxin is carrying is your grandson. Even if you don't like her, could you agree to let her join our family on the account of your grandson?"

"Wouldn't the baby be very pitiful if he's born into an incomplete family?"

Mother Su was a little shocked. "You took her to the hospital yesterday?"

"Yes." Su Ze decided to speak the truth. "Actually, I had my doubts about this too. That's why I took her to the hospital for a proper check-up. But she didn't lie to me. She really is pregnant with my child."

"Mom, I can't deny her of a status."

"Anxin is willing to carry my child at this ascending stage of her career. That shows that she's true to me. How many female celebrities in the industry would be able to do this? She's done so much for me, I can't let her down."

"Take it that I'm begging you, let me marry her. If you don't like her, I'll just bring her around less."

Mother Su looked at her son for a while and then sighed. "Ah Ze, let Mom ask you a question. You have to answer me very honestly."

Su Ze nodded. "Go ahead, Mom."

"Do you really not have any feelings for Mianmian anymore?"

Su Ze froze.

"Did you break up with her because you don't like her anymore? Or is it because you had to be responsible for Qiao Anxin, so you had no choice but to break up with Mianmian?"

Su Ze's expression darkened a little, and he didn't say anymore.

He'd thought about this question before when he was alone.

And it wasn't just once.

He'd felt oddly anxious about this ever since he knew that Qiao Mianmian was together with that man, Mo Yesi.

Although he'd been rather upset when Qiao Mianmian initiated the breakup, he didn't remember feeling this afraid and lost.

Perhaps he'd always assumed that Qiao Mianmian still loved him even after they'd broken up.

They had known each other for 10 years, she couldn't possibly just stop loving him overnight.

Neither could she fall for another man so easily.

Moreover, he had been very confident that Qiao Mianmian would never meet another man more outstanding than he was.

Having had such a fiancé, she'd be very picky when she chose her future partner.

Not many men would be able to catch her eye.

Su Ze even thought that Qiao Mianmian would regret her decision.

And then turn to him for reconciliation.

He'd thought it through before. If she really came back to look for him, he still wouldn't be able to get back together with her. But as long as she wasn't asking for the title of Young Madam Su, he could give her anything she wanted.

He would still dote on her as he did before.

He just couldn't marry her.

This had gone through his mind countless times.

He was still waiting for her to ask for a reconciliation.

But who would've expected the sudden appearance of this man by the name of Mo Yesi?

Although that man was just a relative of the renowned Mo family, his income must be pretty good as a high-post employee in the Mo Corporation. What's more, he was exceptionally handsome.

Even as a man himself, Su Ze had to admit that Mo Yesi's looks were the most outstanding amongst everyone he knew in the industry.

Chapter 409: Get to the Bottom of This

That sort of face was attractive enough for women in a relationship to fall for him too.

At this point, he wasn't sure whether Qiao Mianmian still liked him.

He wasn't as confident as before anymore.

If Qiao Mianmian had really fallen for that Mo Yesi, what was he to do?

He realized that he still loved her.

His feeling for Qiao Anxin only stemmed from the fact that this new relationship was refreshing. And then the baby came into the picture, and now he had to take responsibility for her.

But besides these, he realized that he didn't actually like Qiao Anxin that much.

His silence lasted a little too long.

Mother Su got her answer from his lack of response.

How could she not know her own son?

“Ah Ze, you didn’t mean to break up with Mianmian, right?” Mother Su sighed. She felt that this was such a pity. “Are you regretting it now? But what’s the point of regret? I know Mianmian. You cheated on her and broke up with her because of her sister. She can’t forgive you.”

“Mom.” Su Ze scratched his head. “Since you know that we can’t get back together, why are you still asking this? What’s the point?”

He knew Qiao Mianmian’s personality too.

Mother Su looked at her son who chased away the daughter-in-law she so favored. “If it wasn’t because you couldn’t control your lower body and ended up with another woman, my good daughter-in-law would still be around.”

“Mom, do you have to make it sound so awful?” Su Ze was so used to being respected and glorified by others. Now that his mother was exposing him so explicitly, he couldn’t seem to take it lying down.

But Mother Su didn’t feel a need to save her son from embarrassment. “You think I’m making it sound awful? Then, did you think of how awful it’d look on you when you did it? Did you even think about Mianmian when you were doing all these behind her back?”

Mother Su didn’t bother holding back her anger.

Although she knew that her son and Qiao Mianmian were impossible now, she couldn’t help but feel anger and indignance when she thought about it.

And the more she thought of this, the more she detested Qiao Anxin.

If it wasn’t for this shameless woman’s seduction, her Ah Ze and Mianmian would still be doing well together.

They might even be married this year.

And if all went well, she could have her grandchild in about a year.

Su Ze was getting frustrated. “What good is there in bringing this up again? No matter how much you dislike Anxin, the child she’s carrying is innocent. I’m going to marry her, whether you agree to it or not. I have to take responsibility for her and the child.”

Mother Su smirked. “I won’t stop you from taking responsibility.”

“Mom, you...” Su Ze looked at her in shock. “You agree to me marrying Anxin?”

Mother Su smiled coldly. “You’re not a child anymore, what can I do about you? Marry her if you want. I won’t stop you, and I won’t bother to anymore. But if you’re marrying her because of the baby, the least you could do is get to the bottom of this.

“Don’t assume she’s making such a big sacrifice for you when you could have just been cheated.”

Su Ze knew what his mother was hinting at. "Mom, you think Anxin lied to me? But, I took her to the hospital yesterday. I..."

Chapter 410: I'll Make Her Pay for It

"Have you seen the video of her fight?" Mother Su did not answer his question.

Su Ze kept quiet for a few seconds before nodding. "I have."

"Do you think a woman who's less than three months pregnant could fight with someone this way?" Mother Su's tone was mocking. "If I'd fought with someone like this while carrying you, do you think you'd be sitting here right now?"

"Ah Ze, if a woman can do something this dangerous while carrying a child, it just shows how little she cares for him and how irresponsible she is. This woman isn't suitable to be a mother.

"Back when I was expecting you, I had been so careful about everything. I wouldn't even argue with someone, for fear that it would hurt you.

"Moreover, most expectant ladies wouldn't be able to keep their child after such exertion. Even if they did, they'd experience bleeding or spotting. When you saw her that day, what state was she in?"

"Was she bleeding?" Mother Su asked him directly. "When you took her to the hospital, did the doctor mention anything about the fetus being unstable?"

Su Ze was a little stunned by the questions.

His expression got increasingly awful over the 10-odd seconds.

Mother Su's suspicions were the same as his.

That was precisely why he took Qiao Anxin to the hospital.

It was all because of the way she fought in the video.

But he'd read through the report.

"But the hospital's report already showed that she's pregnant..."

Mother Su snorted. "Report? I could do one up for you right now too."

Su Ze was speechless.

"Ah Ze, back then, before I married you, I almost lost your dad to another woman. At that time, the woman also said that she was pregnant, and your dad had no doubts about it.

"But he soon found out that she'd bribed the doctor. You need to know that women who want their position will do what it takes to get it. This is nothing to them.

"I'm not saying that she's definitely lying, but the probability of this being a lie is huge. Even if you and Mianmian can't be together anymore, you can't be cheated into marriage by a shameless woman. Ah Ze, if you want to get to the bottom of this, you'd better find it out at the hospital.

“Or, I can check it out for you?”

Su Ze was already a little shaken initially. Now, his entire face had gone dark.

His fists were clenched.

Mother Su looked at him. “Ah Ze?”

Su Ze got up suddenly and said coldly, “I’ll get to the bottom of this.”

Mother Su’s expression softened when she heard that. “If you find that she isn’t pregnant, what do you intend to do?”

Isn’t pregnant?

He immediately thought of Qiao Mianmian, and a thin veil of ice seemed to form in his eyes. “If she dared to cheat me, I’ll make her pay for it.”

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Qiao Mianmian waited for just over 10 minutes when her cell phone rang.

It was Mo Yesi.

She picked it up and asked sweetly, “Mr. Mo, you’re here?”

The man on the other end had a low voice, but he sounded gentle as well. “Mm, I’m here. Baby, you can come down now.”