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Chapter 621: I Was Just Joking

Just as she expected, there was a scarf in the box.

She picked it up to have a closer look before placing it back into the case. She then smiled gently and said, "It's great, I like it."

She wasn't going to express her disdain in front of everyone.

But she knew that she was never going to wear it.

Mo Yesi turned and hugged Qiao Mianmian. He then said, "I've told you. Grandma and Mom loved your gift. Are you relieved now?"

Qiao Mianmian wasn't blind.

It was obvious that Madam Mo didn't like it.

Even though she had said that she liked it, everyone could tell that she was lying.

But she couldn't wish for more already.

"Is that right?" Qiao Mianmian replied smilingly. "I'm so happy that Mom and Grandma loved the gifts."

"Both Grandma and Mom received a gift. Where's mine?" Mo Shixiu realized something was amiss as he noticed Madam Mo's reaction. He then joked to ease up the tension.

"Ah?"

Qiao Mianmian didn't realize that he was joking. She turned towards him and replied apologetically, "I'm sorry, Big Brother. I wasn't aware that you were at home. I'll get you one next time, alright?"

It was so awkward when she addressed Mo Shixiu as "Big Brother."

She wasn't used to it.

She was already nervous enough addressing him while Mo Yesi was there.

This was Mo Shixiu!

Someone Qiao Mianmian could only see on the news.

One of the leaders of the country.

Mo Shixiu was amused by her reaction and replied jokingly, "Sis-in-law, it's alright. Relax, I was just joking. I didn't prepare anything for you as well.

"I'll get one for you next time as well."

Qiao Mianmian replied, "Erm, then... Thanks, big brother."

She realized that Mo Shixiu was more approachable when he smiled.

He seemed to have a great personality as well.

Like someone easy to get along with.

She felt less nervous talking to him already.

"It's time for dinner," Old Madam said as she got up. She then gestured smilingly towards Qiao Mianmian. "Come here, Mianmian. Let's go. Sit next to me during dinner."

Old Madam could tell that Madam Mo didn't like Qiao Mianmian.

Even though she had received the gift, she did so unwillingly.

Madam Mo didn't put in much effort to conceal her dislike.

It was so obvious to an old woman like her. Qiao Mianmian must have noticed it as well.

Old Madam really liked Qiao Mianmian and didn't want her to be treated badly.

As she saw that Madam Mo was treating Qiao Mianmian poorly, she wanted to compensate by treating her well.

Qiao Mianmian noticed that Old Madam was calling out to her. She immediately let go of Mo Yesi's hand and went over to her.

She held onto Old Madam's hand affectionately and said, "Alright, grandma. I want to be close to you as well. I have so much to tell you."

"What a wonderful girl." Old Madam's smile widened as she continued, "Do stay the night. I have a lot to tell you as well."

"Erm..."

Qiao Mianmian turned towards Mo Yesi for his opinion.

Mo Yesi nodded. "Since Grandma wants us to stay for the night, we'll stay then."

Old Madam was elated. She held onto Qiao Mianmian and asked smilingly, "Will you go for a walk with me after dinner?"

"Sure."

Qiao Mianmian would agree to whatever Old Madam said.

Chapter 622: Wenpei, What Exactly Are You Talking About?

She looks sweet and cute, exactly the type that elders preferred.

Old Madam liked her even more since she was obedient.

In the dining room.

Qiao Mianmian sat beside Old Madam instead of Mo Yesi.

The dishes that Qiao Mianmian enjoyed were placed in front of her for easy reach as per Old Madam's request.

When Qiao Mianmian casually mentioned that she liked a dessert that she ate at Mo Residence previously, Old Madam immediately asked the kitchen to prepare it for her.

Old Madam doted on her more than her two grandsons.

Mo Yesi and Mo Shixiu weren't bothered by it.

Since there were only males in the household, it was only natural that Old Madam acted like this with the addition of a female.

The Mo family all knew that Old Madam longed for a granddaughter, but she only got grandsons.

Old Madam had two sons of her own.

Mo Yesi had another male cousin.

Together with the two brothers, Old Madam had three grandsons.

But not a single granddaughter.

Qiao Mianmian's looks and personality were exactly what Old Madam wanted in her granddaughter. So, she treated her granddaughter-in-law just like her real granddaughter.

Mo Yesi was happy to see someone dote on his wife.

The only person uncomfortable at the dining table was Madam Mo.

Recalling Shen Rou's call earlier today, she turned pale and threw her fork and knife on the plate with a loud "Bam."

The wealthy households were very particular about table etiquette.

The fundamental rule was that they shouldn't make unnecessary noises while eating.

Madam Mo grew up in a wealthy household and knew this since young.

With the loud "Bam," everyone at the dining table halted their conversations.

Everyone turned to look at her.

Old Madam raised her brows. "Wenpei, what are you doing?"

"Mom." Madam Mo picked up the napkin, wiped her mouth gently, and threw the napkin on the table. She looked sharply at Qiao Mianmian and said coldly, "I just recalled something and have to say it now."

"If you have to say anything, say it after the meal." Old Madam was unhappy with her actions. With a displeased tone, she said, "Must you say it during the meal?"

Seeing Old Madam's expression, Madam Mo did not dare to continue.

But thinking back to what Shen Rou said, she mustered her courage and said coldly, "I have to say it now since everyone is around. I'm sorry for disturbing your meal, Mom, but this matter is very important."

Qiao Mianmian felt Madam Mo turn to look at her.

She lifted her head and saw the look of disgust and anger in Madam Mo's eyes. She had a bad feeling about this.

She knew that what Madam Mo wanted to say had something to do with her.

As she was thinking of this, Madam Mo asked coldly, "Mianmian, are you hiding something from us?"

Qiao Mianmian put down the juice she had just picked up.

She turned her head to face Madam Mo, courteously said, "Mom, which matter are you referring to?"

Old Madam also put down her chopsticks. "Wenpei, what exactly are you talking about?"

Chapter 623: Always Remember Your Status

Madam Mo scoffed at Qiao Mianmian's calm composure. "The Mo Family isn't held back by old traditions. But as a prestigious family, we would still like my sons to marry someone of comparable social status. Even if they fall in love with someone from a small family, we will accept her as long as she's prim and proper.

"Sometimes, moral character is more important than family status.

"I hope I'm clear enough with my views. I'm not saying that the Qiao and Mo families are incompatible. I'm not stopping you from dating Ah Si. Although I don't ask for much, it doesn't mean that I don't have expectations."

With this, Madam Mo's expression changed. "Since you have married my son, you're Mo family's Madam now. You should be clear of your status, know how to behave, and not do anything that will damage our Mo family's reputation."

Madam Mo did not spare a thought for Qiao Mianmian's feelings.

She didn't even pretend to maintain harmony.

The expression of others on the table changed.

Qiao Mianmian's gaze met Madam Mo's sharp eyes. She was stunned for a few seconds. Guessing what she was referring to, she said, "Mom, are you talking about..."

Seeing her continue to feign ignorance, her expressions became worse. "What happened with your exfiancé? You're now together with Ah Si, yet you're still entangled with your ex? Qiao Mianmian, what do you regard our Mo family as?"

Old Madam turned her head to look at Qiao Mianmian. She frowned, but still said calmly, "Mianmian, what's your mother-in-law talking about?"

"What other matter could I be referring to?" Madam Mo replied coldly. "It's all over the news. Everyone saw it already. Have you given a thought about how Ah Si would feel? Mom, you have said that it would be fortunate if Ah Si can find a wife no matter what background she comes from. As long as Ah Si is happy, we have nothing much to ask for, and there's no need to marry someone of similar status. "But..." Madam Mo again glared at Qiao Mianmian with her sharp eyes. "I can look past my daughter-inlaw's family status, but I cannot look past her character."

The meal couldn't continue with Madam Mo's words.

"Mianmian, what exactly is going on?"

Old Madam looked at Qiao Mianmian tenderly.

She did not believe Madam Mo's words.

She had seen all types of people in her life.

She trusted her own judgment.

She believed her granddaughter-in-law was obedient and honest. She would definitely not do anything scandalous with her ex.

There had to be some misunderstanding.

She had never misjudged anyone before.

Her grandson was also very clever and had good judgment. He wouldn't have married a promiscuous girl.

"Grandma, there's a misunderstanding."

Qiao Mianmian was unfazed. She met Madam Mo's cold gaze and said politely, "It did not happen like that. Someone's spreading rumors on purpose."

Chapter 624: Not for Her to Feel Aggrieved

"Rumors?" Madam Mo did not trust her. "There are pictures of you two together, and you still say they are rumors?"

"Mom, no, I..."

Just as Qiao Mianmian wanted to explain, a voice beside her said solemnly, "This matter has already been clarified. What else is there to ask? I know my wife's personality well. Mom, if you hear such rumors next time, please ask me first. You're scaring Mianmian with your tone.

"I brought her home to strengthen our familial ties, not for her to feel aggrieved."

Finishing his sentence, he reached out under the table and squeezed Qiao Mianmian's hands.

He showed his trust in her with his actions.

Seeing that, Madam Mo went pale with anger. "What rumors? Just because she said they are rumors? Ah Si, don't trust her too much. Do you think I'll be unreasonable and say this without any evidence?

"You trust an outsider over your own Mom?"

Madam Mo was fuming.

Her own son would rather believe the words of an outsider over hers.

At this critical moment, he actually chose that woman and did not consider her feelings.

He embarrassed her.

She exploded with anger and did not have much rationality left. Out of spite, she said some words she had suppressed.

Old Madam's expression changed immediately upon hearing Madam Mo's words.

Mo Yesi's eyes darkened. Although his expression remained the same, his eyes were cold.

Mo Shixiu frowned. He didn't expect Madam Mo to say that.

He always thought his mother was elegant, gentle, and knowledgeable. She had been educated well since young and would never say such hurtful and disrespectful words to someone.

These words were what other crude mothers-in-law would say.

Saying her daughter-in-law was an outsider was too hurtful.

"Wenpei, you've terribly disappointed me today! How can you say such words as a mother-in-law? Mianmian has married Ah Si and is now part of the Mo family. How can you say she's an outsider."

Madam Mo realized she shouldn't have said those words out of anger.

But she wanted to maintain her stance.

It was too late to take back her words.

She would also never apologize to her daughter-in-law.

After all, she didn't feel like she had done anything wrong.

How could she consider this scandalous daughter-in-law family?

Since the words were out, Madam Mo didn't hold back. "Mom, how can we still consider her as Mo family's daughter-in-law after she did such a disgraceful thing? So what if I don't see her as family? I don't want such a daughter-in-law."

"Enough." Old Madam hit the table. She said in anger, "Ah Si already explained that it was just a rumor. Mianmian is his wife. If it was true, do you think he'd act like this?

"Do you think he understands his wife less than you do?

"You shouldn't treat the rumor as reality. Look, you've even ruined our dinner and made everyone uneasy just because you believed it."

Chapter 625: I'm the Outsider, You Guys Are the Real Family

"The family has enough troubles already. Are you doing this to create more trouble for all of us?"

"Grandma, don't be upset," Mo Shixiu said, immediately getting up and going to Old Madam's side. He started to pat her back, worried that she would get too agitated. "It's just a misunderstanding. Now that everything is explained properly, everything is fine."

"Mom," Mo Shixiu said with a frown after he coaxed Old Madam. "You must have misunderstood Sis-inlaw. I believe she isn't someone that would do such things. Let's not talk about this anymore. She's a part of the family already. Stop addressing her as an outsider."

Mo Shixiu had always been in a position of power. He held an important role in the ministry of defense despite his young age. Hence, he gave off a frightening aura when he was serious. Madam Mo was actually a bit fearful of him even though he was her son.

But she wasn't going to be reprimanded in such a manner in front of everyone.

She was the mother-in-law. Why couldn't she comment when her daughter-in-law was seen together with her ex-boyfriend in public?

Was she not allowed to ask?

How did she wrong her daughter-in-law?

She must be faking it.

She wanted to ruin the relationship between her and her son.

Madam Mo always perceived Qiao Mianmian as a manipulative woman. She must have tricked her son into marrying her in such a short time.

She was really upset by the matter.

If it wasn't for Old Madam, she wasn't going to readily accept Qiao Mianmian as her daughter-in-law.

She was never going to let such a manipulative woman enter the Mo family.

Hence, since she was prejudiced against Qiao Mianmian, she naturally thought that Qiao Mianmian was vicious and her actions had hidden agendas.

They were just acts that showed how manipulative she was.

It was like the saying "If you didn't like someone, you would find fault in everything he does."

She hated Qiao Mianmian even more after she saw Old Madam and her sons supporting her.

She had already created so much trouble in the family in such a short period of time.

Who knew what other tricks she had up her sleeve?

"Alright." Madam Mo stood up in anger. She suddenly felt that she was isolated as even her sons would not support her. She then continued furiously, "It's all my fault. I've misunderstood her. I've hurt her feelings. She's completely innocent. She has done nothing wrong.

"I'm the evil mother-in-law.

"I was wrong just now. I'm the outsider, you guys are the real family."

After she screamed the final sentence, Madam Mo left the dining hall.

"Such horrible behavior! Such horrible behavior. How could she, as a senior, behave in such a manner! This must be because of your father. He treated her too well. She's spoilt!" Old Madam's anger rose as she saw Madam Mo storm out of the dining hall.

She was so angry that she was having trouble breathing.

"Old Madam, calm down. You must take care of your body." Uncle Zhang was shocked when he saw that Old Madam was having trouble breathing. He immediately fished out her medication and got the servant to fetch a cup of warm water.

Old Madam was old. Even though she had taken good care of her body, she still had minor ailments.

Chapter 626: He Was Impressed by Second Young Madam

She took medication daily.

Uncle Zhang was worried that her anger would cause an increase in her blood pressure. He immediately handed the medication with the water to her and said, "Old Madam, please take the medication."

Furious, she slammed the table continuously and said, "I'm not taking it. If something happens to me, get Yun Cheng here. Let him see how badly his wife is carrying herself."

Uncle Zhang knew that Old Madam was having a fit and they would have to coax her to calm down.

He thought for a moment and handed the medication to Qiao Mianmian. He then continued smilingly, "Second Young Madam, you should be the one to coax Old Madam to take her medication. You're her favorite. She will listen to you."

Qiao Mianmian was also worried that something might happen to Old Madam because of the anger.

Furthermore, Madam Mo was furious because Old Madam was defending Mianmian.

If anything were to happen to her, she would feel so guilty over it.

"Grandma, would you take the medication, please? We're all worried about you," Qiao Mianmian said as she took over the glass of water and the medication. She then gently continued, "Mom must... have some misunderstanding about me. It's my fault, I should have clarified everything with you guys first, then nothing would have happened.

"If something happens to you because of this, I'll be heartbroken. I'll feel bad about it."

Old Madam's anger dissipated when she heard Qiao Mianmian's voice.

She looked at her granddaughter-in-law and liked Qiao Mianmian even more.

Her granddaughter-in-law was asking her in such a nice manner. There was no way she wouldn't cooperate.

She immediately took the water and medication and swallowed it.

Uncle Zhang breathed a sigh of relief when he saw that.

Old Madam had a good personality, but everyone in the Mo family home knew that she was a stubborn person when she became angry.

It wasn't an easy feat to coax her when she was in that state.

But Second Young Madam could do it in such a short time.

It wasn't something easy to do.

It also showed that Old Madam really liked Qiao Mianmian as her granddaughter-in-law.

Madam must have known about it as well.

But why did Madam... do everything she did. It ruined the evening for everyone.

Second Young Madam was already a part of the Mo family, and she had also gotten the approval of Old Madam. Second Young Master loved her as well. If Madam was more rational, she should have tried to accept her as part of the family and loved her like a family member.

Having a harmonious family was of utmost importance.

There was no point in rejecting someone that everyone accepted.

She couldn't force them to go through a divorce.

Second Young Master was also strong-headed.

He wasn't a mommy's boy.

There was no way that Second Young Master would divorce Second Young Madam because of the opinions of others. Unless he really didn't love Second Young Madam anymore.

"Second Young Madam, you're awesome." Uncle Zhang could read the situation. He knew that everyone loved Qiao Mianmian and became more respectful of her. He continued, "Old Madam was willing to listen to you. There's no way she would have listened to us."

"That's because Grandma dotes on me," Qiao Mianmian said gently as she snuggled up to Old Madam's arm.

Qiao Mianmian could tell that Old Madam treated her really well. Hence, she reciprocated it by being close to her.

Chapter 627: It Must Be True Love

"Our Mianmian is so obedient. How can Grandma not dote on you?" Old Madam took her medicine and felt better after being coaxed by Qiao Mianmian. Gently patting her hands, she said, "Don't take what your mother-in-law said just now too badly. You will always be my granddaughter in my heart. I'm not sure where she heard those rumors from and why she said that rubbish.

"Once she has cooled down, she will admit her mistake."

"Don't worry, Grandma." Qiao Mianmian nodded. She smiled and said, "I know, I won't take it seriously."

"Good." Old Madam was satisfied. "The family must live harmoniously and not have any misunderstandings."

"Grandma..."

Seeing Old Madam's kind demeanor, Qiao Mianmian's started tearing up.

She remembered her grandmother.

In her memory, her grandmother always spoke to her with this tone.

"Why are you crying, silly girl. Are you upset?" Old Madam couldn't bear to see her cry and quickly coaxed her. "Good girl, stop crying. Grandma understands the hardship you're going through. You can rest assured, Grandma will fight back for you."

Old Madam's words were even more tear-jerking for her.

Qiao Mianmian started crying.

She didn't know why Old Madam liked her so much.

And treated her so well.

Seeing her red eyes, Mo Yesi frowned. He thought that she cried because she was aggrieved.

He immediately reached out to wipe her tears. He coaxingly said, "Are you having a hard time? I'll fight back for you later, is that okay? It hurts me to see you cry."

"I... I'm not crying because I'm having a hard time."

Qiao Mianmian sobbed. Tears fell once Mo Yesi wiped it away with his sleeves.

Not long after, his grey shirt's sleeves were all stained with her tears.

Looking at the wet stain, he said, "Then, why are you crying? Grandma and I can help you if you tell us why."

Uncle Zhang was stunned while looking at this scene from the side.

Although he knew that Second Young Master doted on Second Young Madam, he was still shocked when witnessing this scene.

Second Young Master was very particular about cleanliness and had germophobia.

But he didn't seem to mind Second Young Madam dirtying his sleeves.

Just as if he didn't have germophobia.

He didn't expect that Second Young Madam would be this important Second Young Master.

He also noticed the way Second Young Master looked at her.

Gently and affectionately.

With Second Young Madam's beautiful looks, not many men would reject her.

But this was Second Young Master.

Given the Mo family's background, Second Young Master had seen all types of beautiful women since young.

Young Lady Shen from the Shen family was also very pretty.

She even grew up with Second Young Master as childhood friends.

But Second Young Master did not fall for her.

"Yes, silly girl. Why are you crying? Let Grandma know and I will help you." Old Madam's heart ached to see Qiao Mianmian cry until her eyes were swollen.

Chapter 628 - I Will Always Be by Your Side and Not Let You Feel Lonely

"I'm not aggrieved." Qiao Mianmian lifted her head to look at the man wiping her tears and Old Madam with a worried expression. Her whole heart was full of warmth.

Touched, she said, "I feel blissful. Grandma, you treat me as well as my own grandmother does. I cried because I was thinking of her."

Old Madam hired someone to look into Qiao Mianmian after Mo Yesi first brought her to the Mo Residence.

Although she trusted her own judgment, marriage was a very important thing, so she still hired someone to investigate her background.

Hence, she knew that Qiao Mianmian's grandmother had passed a long time ago.

Her mother had also passed a while back.

She pitied this weeping girl who started crying when she thought of her own grandmother.

Old Madam stroked her head and said gently, "Good girl, so you were thinking about your grandmother. Don't cry anymore. Your grandmother must be doing well now in heaven. From now on, Grandma will be here for you."

Mo Yesi did not expect her to cry because of this.

He knew that Qiao Mianmian's grandmother and mother passed early. His wife did not lead an easy life thus far. He hugged Qiao Mianmian and coaxed her. "Baby, don't cry. Although Grandmother has left, there are still people around you who love you.

"You will always be blissful from now on.

"I will always be by your side and not let you feel lonely."

Seeing the couple being so lovey-dovey, Old Madam smiled.

At the dining table.

The single, workaholic Mo Shixiu felt slightly uncomfortable seeing his younger brother and sister-in-law act like this.

He didn't know what he was uncomfortable about.

It was uncomfortable to watch.

His younger brother was never someone with such a temperament.

He would never give a second look to any beautiful woman.

Not to mention being so lovey-dovey.

But now...

Hearing how his younger brother was coaxing his sister-in-law, Mo Shixiu felt extremely uncomfortable.

If he didn't witness this scene himself, he would never believe it. It was fascinating to see his younger brother, who never cared about women before, treat his wife this way.

Is love really so powerful?

Can it cause someone to change so much?

He didn't want to date or experience love as he felt that it was burdensome.

And also boring.

He wouldn't waste his time on meaningless things.

"Shixiu, are you jealous?"

While Mo Shixiu was thinking, he suddenly heard Old Madam call him. He instinctively turned to look at Old Madam. "Grandma."

Old Madam looked at her outstanding eldest grandson. Although he was perfect in many ways, he was still single. She said anxiously, "If you're envious of your younger brother, quickly bring back a sweet granddaughter-in-law for Grandma to see.

"Once both of you settle your marriages, Grandma will have nothing else to worry about."

Mo Shixiu was speechless.

Avoiding the topic, he said, "Grandma, I have something on. I will head to the study for a while."

Old Madam wanted to talk to him about marriage again.

Mo Shixiu felt upset and helpless regarding this.

Chapter 629: He Didn't Want to Waste His Life and Time Away

It was Old Madam, his grandma, who was hurrying him to get married. What could he do?

"Do you think avoiding it will solve the problem?" Old Madam was getting increasingly upset. "You're always finding an excuse to leave whenever I bring this up. I know you think that I'm an annoying and naggy old woman, and you don't wish to hear me go on. In that case, buck up and bring me a granddaughter-in-law soon. Find one for me and I'll stop annoying you in the future."

Mo Shixiu was speechless.

Old Madam had just calmed down, and he didn't wish to upset her again.

He smiled helplessly and said, "Grandma, picking a wife is not as easy as picking vegetables at the market. I can't find one immediately even if I want to.

"I promise you, once I find someone I like, I'll surely bring her home to you. How's that?"

Mo Shixiu wasn't all that interested in dating at this point, but he wasn't intending to remain single his whole life either.

He still intended to get married someday.

He just felt that marriage was sacred, and the person he married was going to spend the rest of his life with him. He really had to pick her properly.

He didn't want to waste his life and time away in the future.

Even if he ended up not marrying a woman he absolutely loved, she had to be someone he felt pleasant towards.

Not any "just alright" woman.

Old Madam didn't believe his patronizing words anymore.

Her grandson was always putting her off with this each time she brought it up.

But had he ever brought a girl home?

No, not even once.

Meanwhile, this younger grandson of hers had never promised her anything before. Neither did she have many expectations for him to bring a girl home anytime soon. And yet, he brought her a granddaughter-in-law out of the blue.

"Sure, sure." Old Madam knew that her grandsons were both strongly opinionated people. There was no way she could force anything on them.

They would go along with her when it came to trivial matters.

But for something as huge as their wedding, they would surely want to take full charge of it.

She could just take this as a reminder for him, rather than actually forcing him to get married.

She just wished that her older grandson wouldn't spend all his time and energy on work, completely neglecting other important things in life.

She was just afraid that he'd completely forget about this.

"I've already said this much, but I don't know how much you've internalized. I just wish to see you get married and have children while I'm still alive. That way, I won't have any regrets left in life. I'm a bit bloated from dinner. Mianmian, can you take a walk in the garden with Grandma?"

Seeing that Old Madam was about to get up, Qiao Mianmian immediately held her arm and helped her up slowly. "Alright, I'm also a bit full too and want to go take a walk. I'll go with Grandma."

"Good girl."

Old Madam held her hand and smiled at her younger grandson. "Ah Si, you're with your wife every day. You wouldn't mind if Grandma borrows her for an hour or so?"

Mo Yesi smiled. "Of course I wouldn't."

"We'll get going, then. Mianmian, come, Grandma will take you to see the flowers. Let me tell you..."

Old Madam grabbed Qiao Mianmian's hand endearingly, and Qiao Mianmian held her affectionately as well. The young and old made their way to the garden happily.

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Once they left.

Mo Shixiu and Mo Yesi also took their leave from the dining table.

Chapter 630: I'm Pretty Happy With This Surprise

They hadn't met in a while too. Mo Shixiu got a little emotional as he looked at his younger brother who was now somebody else's husband. "I never expected you to be married already."

"I never expected that too." Mo Yesi smiled. "This wasn't part of my plan. But I'm pretty happy with this surprise."

Mo Shixiu raised a brow. "Sister-in-law seems like a nice person. Treat her well."

"She's my wife, of course, I'll treat her well." Mo Yesi's expression softened when he mentioned Qiao Mianmian.

His aura was also a lot more approachable and less cold.

Mo Shixiu sensed the difference and couldn't help but smile. "I heard your marriage happened in a flash?"

"Yup."

"I thought both of you did that because of certain circumstances, and there were no feelings involved. Seems like I was wrong."

Mo Shixiu knew his own brother well.

He could tell right away whether Mo Yesi really liked her or not.

Mo Yesi smiled as well. "Mm, we did get married because of certain reasons. I didn't expect us to get to where we are now, either.

"Perhaps, this is what they mean by destiny."

He never believed in all these.

Things about fate and destiny were but superstitious beliefs.

But now, he was willing to accept such a notion.

Qiao Mianmian was his destiny.

Mo Shixiu was slightly stunned when he heard the word "destiny" coming from Mo Yesi.

He went quiet for a few seconds before saying jokingly, "You believe in such things now?"

"I'm not superstitious." Mo Yesi narrowed his eyes but said gently, "I just believe that the heavens arranged for her to be in my life."

Mo Shixiu found it rather amusing. "And this isn't being superstitious?"

"Big Brother, when you find a girl you like in the future, you'll understand this feeling." Mo Yesi didn't elaborate on this. He simply patted him on the shoulder.

Mo Shixiu was speechless.

Why did he feel as if he'd been mocked?

Was this younger brother of his mocking him for being a single man who didn't understand such concepts?

"Ah Si, on a serious note..." Mo Shixiu glanced towards the stairs and then said seriously, "You'd better have a good talk with Mom. None of us was on her side tonight, she must be very upset with Sister-inlaw. If you really mean well for Sister-in-law, you shouldn't anger Mom too much.

"You're defending and protecting her, but in doing that, you'll only worsen her relationship with Mom.

"If there are misunderstandings, it's best to clear them up as soon as possible. Family shouldn't hold any grudges with one another."

Mo Yesi was in deep thought for a moment before nodding. "I know."

He knew that Mo Shixiu wasn't really defending anyone.

His Big Brother wasn't filial for the sake of it.

"It's good that you know." Mo Shixiu patted him on the shoulder too. "I have some matters to attend to, I'll head to the study for now. Have a good talk with Mom, she isn't an unreasonable person."

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In a bedroom on the second floor.