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He told others he had made a trip back to Flower City because of Nan Chen.

Nevertheless, no one seemed to be aware of the trip he mentioned.

Nan Chen and Ouyang Duo had a meeting scheduled at the Nanshi Corporation Headquarter.

Ouyang Duo suggested meeting at the particular venue.

Lately, Nanshi Corporation's predicament on the project in Vietnam had gotten around amongst those in the corporate world.

Others would definitely figure out the objective of Ouyang Duo's visit since the session was held at Nanshi Corporation Headquarters

Nan Chen had been waiting for the arrival of Ouyang Duo in the lobby.

He walked over and stretched his arm, initiating a handshake with Ouyang Duo once the latter arrived. "Uncle, thank you so much for your time."

Ouyang Duo greeted Nan Chen politely in return, "Since both families have been closely acquainted for a long time, I will definitely try my best to resolve the hardship that has befallen the Nan family."

Nan Chen couldn't figure out the reason Ouyang Duo considered the failure of a particular project as the hardship of the Nan family.

In spite of being irritated, Nan Chen remained a calm and collected front and showed Ouyang Duo the way to the VIP lounge with a poker face.

In order to welcome Ouyang Duo, Nan Chen had instructed his subordinates to clean the lounge beforehand. Hence, not even a speck of dust could be found on any surface.

After they caught up with one another, Nan Chen finally brought up his request and summarized the timeline of the incident that had occurred in Vietnam.

Ouyang Duo asked, "Are you serious? How may I help you, Chen?"

“Uncle, can you please do me a favor and get in touch with the minister on my behalf? Please get him to reassess the authenticity of the assessment report and do us justice,” Nan Chen requested.

“Hahaha!” Ouyang Duo burst into laughter.

Nan Chen looked at him in the eyes as he was confused.

“Chen, justice doesn’t exist! Frankly, justice is the tool for the wealthy and influential ones to get things done their way!” Ouyang Duo remarked.

Nan Chen remained silent once more.

“Since such a serious incident has occurred, you should have gotten in touch with me earlier! Mr. Huang is a good friend of mine! I’m sure he’ll do me a favor and assist you in reassessing the assessment report.”

“Thank you so much, Uncle,” Nan Chen expressed his gratitude.

“I’ll make a trip to Vietnam and visit Mr. Huang tomorrow. Do you want to tag along with me?” Ouyang Duo offered an olive branch to Nan Chen.

“I-I...” Nan Chen stuttered because he didn’t think Ouyang Duo would bring up such a request unexpectedly.

As he couldn’t figure out the reason Ouyang Duo had brought up such a suggestion, he was at a loss for words all of a sudden.

Usually, the party who had accepted the request from another party would proceed to fulfill the other party’s request on their own.

Nan Chen couldn’t figure out the reason Ouyang Duo want him to tag along when he could easily get in touch with Mr. Huang on his behalf.

Actually, if he could procure Mr. Huang’s aid without Ouyang Duo’s referral, Nan Chen would have done it without him.

Ouyang Duo tried to persuade Nan Chen, “I know you have a lot of things on your plate, but this is equally crucial for Nanshi Corporation and you, right? I think you should tag along with me on this trip, Chen.”

“Are you leaving tomorrow?”

“Yes. Since we’re talking about the progress of a construction site, we can’t afford to drag this any further. We need to sort the issue out as soon as possible to prevent further losses,” Ouyang Duo explained.

“You’re right, Uncle. I’ll tag along with you to Vietnam.”

“We’ll make the trip using my private jet. I have been there a few times before. I’ll get everything sorted out, including the clearance to enter the border.”

“Thanks, Uncle.”

They chatted for some time before wrapping up the session.

As soon as the session ended, Nan Chen made his way back to Commoner Residence and reported the outcome of their discussion to Nan Zhengde.

His grandfather had requested him to get in touch with him as soon as he had decided on his next best course of action.

Nan Zhengde lost himself in the process of thought because he couldn’t fathom the reason Ouyang Duo insisted on Nan Chen’s companion for the trip.

“I don’t want you to make the trip,” Nan Zhengde asserted.

“I’m afraid that’s impossible, Grandpa,”

“We can’t possibly allow you to put yourself at stake when we have no idea what Ouyang Duo has hidden up his sleeves. Since you’re going to make the trip using his private jet, he has the upper hand once you reach Vietnam. I’m afraid things will get out of control.”

“I think it’s fine, Grandpa.” Nan Chen was relatively calm.

“Ouyang Duo is a cunning old fox! Throughout the years of dealing with him, we have never once got the better of him!”

“Exactly! That’s the reason he won’t resort to anything reckless and put my wellbeing at stake.”

“What do you mean?”

“Grandpa, have you forgotten my identity as Ouyang Qing’s fiancé? Although I have never acknowledged this identity of mine, those from the Ouyang family have misperceived me as their soon-to-be son-in-law. If he wants to put me at stake, why would he want to propose the engagement?”

“You’re right. What exactly is he up to? Why does he want you to tag along with him to Vietnam?” Nan Zhengde murmured to himself.

“I have no idea, but I don’t think I will encounter any sort of danger.”

“What if the proposal is merely a disguise to catch you off guard? Do you have any countermeasure for that?”

Non Chen gave it a thought and found his grandfather's words made sense, but he shook his head and rebuked, “I can't think of the reason Ouyong Duo wants to drag me down.”

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“I'm not as important as you have said, Grandpa.”

“I'm not trying to be courteous or flatter you but it's the truth. You're the most important figure of the Non family!” Non Zhengde asserted in a serious manner.

“I think he won't do me the favor if I turn down his request to tag along with him. Therefore, I have to make the trip no matter what. I'll get Qiao Zhong to tag along with me. I'm sure he can keep me safe.”

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Non Chen found himself in a tight spot because even though there might be a possibility Ouyong Duo would expose him to danger, he would have to resolve the issue in Vietnam sooner or later.

All of a sudden, Non Zhengde suggested, “I'll have you make the trip, but it won't be necessary for you to be there physically.”

“What should I do, Grandpa?”

“We'll get Non Xing to make the trip on your behalf since he is a replica of you. Usually, an outsider won't be able to tell both of you apart from one another.”

“No! This isn't fair for Non Xing! He's equally important! I can't possibly put his life at stake when I'm aware of the possible risk!” Non Chen rejected without a second thought.

Knitting his eyebrows, Non Zhengde assured, “I'm not indicating that he's disposable, neither do I have any plan to forsake him. He's my beloved grandson too; I love him wholeheartedly as much as I love you.”

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“I mean, let’s get him to take over your position while you stay in the dark and keep an eye on him. If you detect anything odd, retreat with Non Xing at once. This is the only viable solution to ensure a win-win situation,” Non Zhengde spelled out the details of his plan.

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“If you don’t agree, I won’t allow you to make the trip. Have I not made myself clear? That’s the only viable plan we have for now. We’ll get Nan Xing to take over your position because we need someone reliable to oversee the entire operation and ensure everyone’s safety. If Nan Xing is the one hiding in the dark, do you think he’s able to keep you safe from any harm? This is the only way to resolve the issue in Vietnam while keeping both of you safe!” Nan Zhengde insisted.

“No, Grandpa! Please don’t force me to repeat myself one more time!” Nan Chen made himself clear.

Similarly, Nan Zhengde showed no signs of giving in. “If you’re not willing to listen to me, none of you are allowed to make the trip to Vietnam! We can’t afford to put any one of you at stake! This is too much of a cost to bear! After all, the project in Vietnam is merely a project. You don’t need to put your life at stake for a mere project.”

“Grandpa, I have made countless business trips abroad previously. This is merely another ordinary business trip.”

"It's not the same! Someone else is in charge of the itinerary of the entire trip! You don't get a say at all! Either you get Nan Xing to take over your position, or none of you gets to make the trip!"

Nan Chen was aware of his grandfather's temperament. Things would turn out to be messy if he refused to give in to his grandfather's suggestion.

Although he had taken over the role of leading Nanshi Corporation, Nan Zhengde still wielded great influence in the corporation.

Since Nan Zhengde was aware of the possible risk associated with this trip, Nan Chen wouldn't get to make the trip if he didn't acquire his grandfather's consent.

"Fine. I'll make the necessary arrangements to execute the plan." Nan Chen finally gave in to his grandfather's suggestion.

His grandfather was surprised; he didn't expect his grandson would adhere to his suggestion.

Hence, he had his fair share of doubts and stared at Nan Chen in the eyes to ensure he hadn't been hearing things.

Nan Chen nodded once again to assure his grandfather, "You heard me right, Grandpa. I will have Nan Xing take over my role."

"You're not lying to me, are you?"

"I'm not lying, Grandpa," Nan Chen nodded and reassured his grandfather.

Feeling a sense of relief, Nan Zhengde finally nodded in return.

"I'll have to leave now and make the necessary arrangement, Grandpa."

"Okay. I want you to send Nan Xing over once he has disguised as you. I want to see if he's able to execute the task because I'm afraid there's a huge difference in terms of temperament between the two of you. We can't afford to have the plan head south," Nan Zhengde expressed his concerns.

"Alright, Grandpa." Nan Chen took note of his grandfather's instruction before heading out of the room.

Once he got out of the study room, he called Nan Xing and found out he had been working hard lately.

He didn't spend his time fooling around with his friends because he spent most of his time in the office lately.

After all, he had promised Nan Chen he would bear the consequences as the person in charge of the project.

Immediately after he received Nan Chen's call and the instruction to return home, Nan Xing made his way back to Commoner Residence.

He reached home within a few minutes because Nanshi Corporation Headquarters was merely a short distance away from Commoner Residence.

Nan Chen told him the plan that had been devised by their grandfather. The moment Nan Xing figured out the details of the entire plan, he agreed without any hesitation, "That's a great idea! Grandpa has come up with a brilliant plan!"

Initially, Nan Chen thought Nan Xing would feel dejected, yet he seemed to have been overly paranoid because his brother wasn't against the plan at all.

"Are you mad? This is so unfair to you. We're literally going to put your life at stake!" Nan Chen asked calmly.

"What are you talking about, Chen? Why would I be mad when it's the most viable plan we have for now? I'll take over your role while you keep an eye out on me in the dark! It's a flawless plan!"

"The reason we have to resort to such an extreme countermeasure is because of the possible risk associated with the trip," Nan Chen explained.

"I have faith in you. You have always been an observant man. As long as you're around to keep an eye on me, I'm sure I will be safe. Therefore, this trip is none other than another business trip." Nan Xing reassured his brother.

In return, Nan Chen tapped on Nan Xing's shoulder and said, "Thanks for having faith in me."

Nan Xing stared at Nan Chen as he orated, "Are you serious, Chen? Why are you thanking me when I'm the one who has been relying on you all along? We're brothers, right? Didn't Grandpa want me to drop by his room? I'll head over and put on one of your monochromic outfits before heading over. Even though I'm don't look as commanding as you, I'm pretty sure others won't be able to tell us apart if I keep a straight face in front of them. However, what should I do if I have to make certain decisions on your behalf? I don't think I have the capability to handle any corporate issues."

"You don't need to make the decision on my behalf because I won't allow you to take over my role."

"What are you talking about?"

“I’ll be heading over to meet Grandpa, pretending as though I’m you.”

“Are you serious?”

“I’ll tell him I’m Nan Xing and ask him if I have done a great job, playing pretend to be you. I’m pretty sure he will be surprised in a pleasant manner.”

“Excuse me? Since you’re literally portraying yourself, there’s no reason you can’t deceive him, but are you sure you want to deceive Grandpa?” Nan Xing wondered.

“Let’s consider this a white lie. It’s gonna be fine as long as we’re able to sort out the issue in Vietnam. Nothing else matters as long as we achieve our goal.”

“No, I’m not going to allow you to put yourself at stake! I have faith in you, Chen! I’m sure you can keep me safe! I mean it! I’m not displeased at all because I’m willing to be part of the plan Grandpa has come up with!” Nan Xing repeated himself.

“It’s going to be fine. I want to be in charge because I have to keep an eye on Ouyong Duo. I can’t wait to figure out the thing he’s up to. If you’re the one by his side, I’m afraid you won’t be able to figure out the plan he has in store for us. Apart from that, if he changes his mind out of the blue, I’ll be able to act accordingly. I don’t think you’re capable of dealing with him, right?”

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She didn't get to sit by Nan Chen's side as she had taken the seat behind, whereas Nan Chen had taken the front passenger seat.

Nonetheless, Ouyang Qing was delighted because everything went according to her plan.

Ouyang Qing didn't expect her goal to coincide with her father's. On top of that, her father had been pulling strings, laying the groundwork to achieve this common goal since years ago.

This is simply wonderful! Since I have the entire Ouyang family backing me, I'm sure I'll achieve my goal and marry Nan Chen soon!

Ouyang Qing was thrilled and it was written all over her face but Nan Chen was the exact opposite, and she couldn't grasp the reason he had a poker face.

Hasn't Dad offer to help? Chen should be delighted, but why does he seem so displeased?

"Chen," Ouyang Qing greeted Nan Chen coquettishly.

"Yes?" Nan Chen replied in a callous tone.

"Why do you seem to be in a foul mood? Is it because of me?"

Nan Chen got increasingly infuriated when he heard Ouyang Qing's question; it sounded as though she was interrogating him.

Previously, Ouyang Qing would never talk to Nan Chen in such a manner.

She must have gotten full of herself and thought that she should be credited since her father had offered to resolve the issue, and she was part of the Ouyang family.

Although she wasn't aware she behaved differently, Nan Chen could feel it.

To begin with, Nan Chen wasn't a petty man. It would take more than the change in Ouyang Qing's attitude for him to blow his top.

In short, he was irritated after a series of events he had gone through lately.

He was frustrated because he had a hunch those from the Ouyang family had deceived him.

Although the series of incidents he had gone through seemed irrelevant, he knew they were part of a setup.

In fact, Nan Chen was certain Ouyang Duo was the one who had set him up.

Since Nan Chen remained silent even after she directed the question at him, Ouyang Qing was aware he was not happy.

Even though she didn't know how she had offended him, she was certain she had been careless with her choice of words.

"Chen, I was just trying to pull your leg in order to enlighten your mood. Can you please pay no heed to my words?" Ouyang Qing tried her best to please him.

Nan Chen replied courteously, "It's fine."

Thereafter, he remained silent throughout the entire ride.

Similarly, Ouyang Qing dared not interrupt him anymore because she was afraid of irritating Nan Chen.

Thankfully, they were merely heading over to a nearby restaurant. Therefore, the awkward ride was rather short.

Ouyang Duo, who had been anticipating the duo's arrival, was waiting for them at the restaurant's entrance.

It seemed to be an act of courtesy, but he had merely shown up to welcome his guests in an attempt to assert dominance as the host of the dinner.

If the dinner were held in Ouyang Duo's territory, Pearl City, there would be no issue, but the dinner was in Flower City.

The Nan family was the one leading the corporate world in Flower City. They had been contributing to various aspects of the city's development as well. Therefore, the Nan family should be considered as the host instead.

It was evident Ouyang Duo was aware of the unspoken rule, yet he had crossed the lines.

Perhaps he was merely trying to push his lucks, or he might be trying to assert dominance over the Nan family.

Ouyang Duo perceived he was the superior one since he had offered his help to resolve the issue that had befallen the Nan family.

Therefore, he couldn't wait to have a taste of being respected by others in Flower City.

As Nan Chen wasn't particularly against the idea of him hosting the dinner, Ouyang Duo got full of himself, indulging himself with a sense of superiority.

Truth be told, he had always hidden his emotion well by putting up a poker face in front of others.

"Chen, this way!" Ouyang Duo continued playing the role of a host.

Nan Chen nodded and greeted Ouyang Duo in return, "Please, Uncle."

Ouyang Duo was overjoyed. Since he didn't detect any hostility from Nan Chen, he thought the young man wasn't against the idea of him asserting dominance in Flower City.

Naturally, Nan Chen was aware of Ouyang Duo's intention.

He decided to pay no heed to such a trivial matter because he had never once deemed the Nan family to be superior to others in Flower City. The tens of millions of citizens in Flower City had contributed to the development of the city. Therefore, the city was the collective asset of every citizen.

Even though the Nan family had always been superior to most of the citizens in Flower City, Nan Chen had always seen his family as part of the city.

Therefore, he couldn't be bothered by Ouyang Duo's seemingly provocative action at all.

Feel free to challenge my limits because I don't care a damn.

After they entered the private dining suite, Nan Chen noticed the presence of another noble-looking, middle-aged woman. She was Ouyang Duo's wife, Feng Jialing.

Nan Chen thought they were there to strike a deal in order to resolve the issue in Vietnam, yet Ouyang Duo had brought along his wife. The duo seemed to be there to have a meal with their soon-to-be son-in-law.

They shouldn't be blamed either since Boi Huo had reverted to them and stated Non Zhengde's stand regarding the proposal. Therefore, they thought Non Chen was their soon-to-be son-in-law.

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Feng Jiuling had grown fond of her soon-to-be son-in-law. She would want her daughter to get married to him because he was one in a million in terms of look.

No matter how old a woman might be, they had always been prone to judge a book by its cover. Therefore, she had taken a liking to Non Chen the moment she saw him.

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"Please take a seat, Chen. I'll get the waiter to serve us the dishes I have ordered," Ouyang Duo offered.

After he returned to the suite, he started introducing, "This is my wife, Feng Jiuling. I believe both of you have met each other before. I don't think it's necessary for me to introduce my daughter, right?"

"Hello, Aunt," Non Chen greeted politely.

"Actually, we might be relatives since your grandmother shares the same surname as me. I used to address her as my aunt back then," Feng Jiuling beamed her reply.

Non Chen was at a loss for words because there were at least tens of thousands of people with the surname of Feng in the world. It would be impossible for them to be related to one another.

"Chen, my mother is kidding. Please pay no heed to her words," Ouyang Qing stated.

"Oh? Are you taking your boyfriend's side and forsaking your mother?" Feng Jialing teased her daughter in return.

"Mom, w-what are you talking about?"

Ouyong Qing flushed embarrassedly in a grotified manner.

Nan Chen remained silent. He had never declared himself as Ouyong Qing's boyfriend.

The proposal was merely brought up by their parents. He found them absurd as they had mistaken him to be in a relationship with their daughter.

Nowadays, it would take more than a mere proposal to prove the relationship between man and wife; the marriage certificate was the only thing capable of serving the purpose.

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After he returned to the suite, he started introducing, "This is my wife, Feng Jialing. I believe both of you have met each other before. I don't think it's necessary for me to introduce my daughter, right?"

"Hello, Aunt," Nan Chen greeted politely.

“Actually, we might be relatives since your grandmother shares the same surname as me. I used to address her as my aunt back then,” Feng Jialing beamed her reply.

Nan Chen was at a loss for words because there were at least tens of thousands of people with the surname of Feng in the world. It would be impossible for them to be related to one another.

“Chen, my mother is kidding. Please pay no heed to her words,” Ouyang Qing stated.

“Oh? Are you taking your boyfriend’s side and forsaking your mother?” Feng Jialing teased her daughter in return.

“Mom, w-what are you talking about?”

Ouyang Qing flushed embarrassedly in a gratified manner.

Nan Chen remained silent. He had never declared himself as Ouyang Qing’s boyfriend.

The proposal was merely brought up by their parents. He found them absurd as they had mistaken him to be in a relationship with their daughter.

Nowadays, it would take more than a mere proposal to prove the relationship between man and wife; the marriage certificate was the only thing capable of serving the purpose.

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Celebrity Girl Is My Wife Chapter 404-Nan Chen agreed to have some wine under Ouyang Duo’s persuasion.

The wine was indeed exquisite. Nan Chen could tell from its color and fragrance even without tasting it. Also, he knew that the wine was certainly not cheap, probably over a hundred thousand.

Ouyang Duo’s passion for red wine was well known in the circle.

“Chen, let’s have a drink on our collaboration.” Ouyang Duo seemed to be in a bubbly mood.

Nan Chen heard him clearly. He mentioned “collaboration”.

What collaboration? In what sense? There must be some other implication behind this.

Nan Chen resorted to remain deadpan and adopted a wait-and-see attitude.

After drinking for a while, Ouyang Duo started running on the relationship of the two families all these years and how advanced and speedy Sunshine Corporation was developing.

He talked about a lot of things except for one — South City, the project in Vietnam.

Nan Chen remained silent. He wanted to see what Ouyang Duo was up to and how long he would continue with his act.

Toward the end of their meal, Ouyang Duo had enough of red wine and he turned to look at Feng Jialing and Ouyang Qing. “Have you finished eating? If you do, then let the driver send you home first. I have matters to discuss with Chen and we’ll shift to some other place.”

“You’re still not going to leave yet? Haven’t you already had enough wine?” Feng Jialing asked.

“Not yet. We still have important business to discuss and it’s not convenient for both of you to join in. You just go home first.” Ouyang Duo waved at them.

Feng Jialing was still going to say something when she was suddenly stopped by Ouyang Qing. “Mom, since Dad has important matters to discuss with Chen, we’d better get home first.”

“But...”

“Let’s go. Let them talk about their business and we shouldn’t disturb them,” Ouyang Qing urged her.

Feng Jialing was amenable and listened to her daughter, so she stood up and left with her.

“Chen, we shall leave too. Let’s continue our discussion at some other place,” Ouyang Duo said.

“Why don’t we just talk here?” Nan Chen was tired of playing along with Ouyang Duo.

He started to get impatient. And now he still wants to shift place? Is this ever going to end?

“Let’s go. This is the place for dinner. Let’s go get a drink somewhere else where I have stored some great wine there.”

That’s impressive! The wine for dinner was already superb, and he is still planning to have a better one?

Ouyang Duo seems to be in a really good mood.

“Alright then.”

Since they had not talked about the actual deal, Nan Chen could not leave right then.

After leaving the restaurant, Ouyang Duo invited Nan Chen to carpool with him and then, the driver sent them to the Orchid Club.

It was a vintage club in the Flower City which Nan Chen was no stranger to.

It was exactly where the one-night stand between Ning Ran and him happened.

Even though the club had been there for years, it did not look too old because it would be restructured and refurbished every year, always giving its members a refreshing experience.

New clubs had emerged and this place was no longer the most high-end club in Flower City, but it was still very popular and prosperous.

In fact, Ouyang Duo did store a bottle of wine here. It was a Lafite from the 1990s.

While the wine was being decanted, Ouyang Duo finally started talking about the Vietnam project.

“Chen, I’m very sorry. The old schoolmate of mine was very stubborn and said that he’s a principled man. Since those assessment reports were not authentic, it has to be reassessed. Hence, the issue cannot be solved temporarily,” Ouyang Duo said with guilt.

However, Nan Chen replied placidly, “It’s okay.”

“You must be blaming me, right? I was the one who had promised to help you solve this problem but in the end, I failed to do so. I’m indeed very ashamed.”

“No, I’m not blaming you, really.” Nan Chen’s tone was still very calm.

“I was very regretful so I’ve been contemplating the matter until an idea popped up in my mind which could alleviate this crisis we’re facing.”

Nan Chen looked at Ouyang Duo, signaling him to continue.

“Truth be told, I have some investments in Vietnam as well including a piece of land which is a-few-hundred-acre. It was located only tens of kilometers away from where your project is based.”

Nan Chen still did not speak and was waiting for Ouyang Duo to carry on.

“My land is in a very strategic location as well and is also very promising. Besides, all the necessary procedures and formalities for development purposes have been completed, from environmental protection to every other aspect.”

With that, Ouyang Duo paused to take out his phone and handed it to Nan Chen.

There were a few pictures of the documents which showed the completion of necessary formalities.

Nan Chen simply took a look and returned the phone to Ouyang Duo.

And then, he kept quiet again and waited for Ouyang Duo to lay out his plan.

“This wine is almost ready, let’s drink while we talk.”

It was indeed a very fine wine. The scent wafted into his nostrils as he held the glass close to his lips.

Though remarkable, it was nothing new to Nan Chen. Even though he did not drink this kind of wine every day, he would usually have them a few times a month.

“How is it? This wine is not bad, isn’t it?” Ouyang Duo asked Nan Chen.

“Very good,” Nan Chen commented pertinently.

Ouyang Duo was very pleased. “I knew Chen has good taste. It’d be only a waste if such fine red wine is given to those who have no taste.”

Nan Chen remained silent as he was not interested in such meaningless casual chat.

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Celebrity Girl Is My Wife Chapter 405-Nan Chen was still quiet.

He grabbed the glass of wine and took another sip.

“So, what do you think, Chen?” Ouyang Duo asked Nan Chen with a smirk.

“I don't really understand what you meant,” Nan Chen replied.

“What? You still don't get it? I thought what I said was already very clear. We collaborate and we could jointly build a great business in Vietnam, monopolizing their emerging real estate industry.”

Ouyang Duo even waved his fist excitedly in the air, looking like he was ready for something big.

“I thought the main business of Sunshine Corporation is finance and I didn't expect that you're also interested in the real estate industry,” Nan Chen muttered.

“In fact, we're mainly involved in the finance industry but we're also interested in real estate development. Nevertheless, we're not a professional player like Nanshi Corporation.”

Ouyang Duo was making a very clear statement. We're still a banker mainly, not an expert in the real estate industry.

But we like to make money. As long as it's a business that makes money, we'd want a share.

Since Nanshi Corporation is very experienced in property development, we shall cooperate and make money together.

“I still don't quite understand,” Nan Chen said again.

“It can't be. You're a business prodigy. How can you not understand this? It's so simple. You see, we'll combine two projects into one and all obstacles can be overcome and

then, we'll be able to make easy money together. There's nothing difficult to comprehend."

Even though Ouyang Duo had had some wine, he was not drunk. He could feel that Nan Chen was feigning ignorance.

"Since Sunshine Corporation is interested in real estate development, then why don't you do it on your own? Why do you choose to collaborate with us?" asked Nan Chen.

"Didn't I just tell you? Nanshi Corporation is more experienced in managing the emerging markets."

"Well then. Does Mr. Ouyang know why we're more experienced?" Nan Chen asked again.

He had been calling him "uncle", but the sudden change of address term drew a distinctive line between them.

However, they were discussing business after all. Hence, it was not unusual to be formal.

But Ouyang Duo was also aware that it was Nan Chen's way of expressing his stance.

Ouyang Duo had a sip of the wine, waiting for Nan Chen to continue.

"We're experienced because we have invested an immense amount of manpower and resources into this. All the experience Mr. Ouyang saw came from hard effort," Nan Chen continued with an icy tone.

"So?" Ouyang Duo had sensed the coldness in Nan Chen's tone.

"If our families were to collaborate, detailed discussions and negotiations have to be carried out by our respective project team. It cannot occur with just a simple agreement between Mr. Ouyang and me," Nan Chen replied.

Ouyang Duo was relieved upon hearing that. This means that Nan Chen is, at the very least, not rejecting his proposal.

"I know that of course. If you agree to my idea, the next step would be to initiate negotiations between our teams," Ouyang Duo returned with a relaxed tone.

"If we are to cooperate, what will be the ratio for profit-sharing?" asked Nan Chen.

"Nan family has contributed a lot upfront so let's make it four to six. Four for Sunshine Corporation and six for Nanshi Corporation."

Nan Chen sneered in his heart. This is getting treacherous.

Nanshi Corporation had invested several billion in the preliminary phase of the South City project.

And now Ouyang Duo came with his deserted land and wants a share of forty percent of the profit.

This is outright looting but he's still acting like he's a savior!

"I am very clear about Mr. Ouyang's stance now. Please allow me to discuss this with our board of directors and I'll keep you posted," Nan Chen replied coldly.

"As the head of the corporation, don't those people listen to you, Chen? If you agree, I'm sure it would be simple to initiate the collaboration then? Furthermore, the South City project has now come to a halt, and collaborating with us is the only option so I don't think those directors can't see the urgency. A stalled project would incur a huge loss; hence, it should be solved as soon as possible, or else huge damage would follow. I know you are the main person in charge of this project and it is a significant one that could gain you a whole new light. If this project fails, those with ulterior motives would look for ways to pick on you and it would certainly affect your reputation in the corporation. Qing has been very good friends with you, which is why I don't wish to see you in hot soup as well. Please make your decision soon, Chen."

He is a sly fox for sure. He's started his threatening and luring strategy.

"Understood. If there's nothing else, I shall leave first." Nan Chen stood up.

"You are still unable to make a decision?" Ouyang Duo was unwilling to let him go just yet.

"This matter concerns the entire corporation so I need to discuss with the board of directors," Nan Chen repeated his stance.

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Celebrity Girl Is My Wife Chapter 406-In the backseat, Nan Chen closed his eyes and recalled what Ouyang Duo just said.

“Young Master, are we heading to the office or go home?” the chauffeur asked.

“Go home,” replied Nan Chen briefly.

“Sure, Young Master.”

“Where are the kids?” Nan Chen asked.

“They’re in the Red Maple City.”

“Let’s go see the kids then,” Nan Chen added.

Meanwhile, Ning Ran had just tucked the children in and was putting on a facial mask when Nan Chen came in.

Ning Ran saw the flush on his face. He must have been drinking. From his appearance, it seems he has even drunk quite a lot.

Nan Chen did not see the kids so he raised his wrist to look at the time and he reckoned that they must have slept.

Ning Ran was applying her mask so she did not talk to Nan Chen, but in fact, it was also because she had nothing to talk to him about.

Then, Nan Chen tip-toed into the children’s bedroom to see his sleeping kids.

Owing to his hushed movements, even Dabao was not aware of his entrance.

After coming out of the children’s bedroom, Nan Chen walked to the wine rack and took a bottle of wine.

He opened the bottle cap, poured some wine out, and gulped a mouthful.

Ning Ran watched as he drank. What has this man encountered tonight? Was it something good or something bad? Why is he still drinking?

Nan Chen took his wine glass and walked to the balcony.

And then, he just stood there without a word but the figure of his back suggested that something was weighing on his mind.

Ning Ran seldom saw him behaving this way. Hence, she believed that he had met with troubles. Troubles that were not trivial.

However, Ning Ran did not plan to console him because from the moment he stepped into the house, he had not spoken to her.

After a while, Nan Chen came back in from the balcony.

The wine in his glass had been emptied, and he did not pour anymore.

After that, he left.

He had come and gone without acknowledging Ning Ran.

He has completely ignored me, how rude is that!

Nevertheless, Ning Ran was used to it because it was not Nan Chen's first time treating her this way.

But Ning Ran was still curious. What happened to Poker Face tonight? He was behaving so strangely.

She walked over to the window to see if Nan Chen had left but to her surprise, Nan Chen had changed into his swimming trunks and was taking a dip in the swimming pool.

What the h*ll is he doing?

Nan Chen was a top student graduating from an elite school; doesn't he have the basic knowledge that one should not go swimming after drinking?

Initially, she had no intention to interfere with his matters but looking at the current situation, she had to.

Ning Ran rushed downstairs to the swimming pool and said, "Hey you, come up now!"

It was unknown to her if Nan Chen really didn't hear her or pretended to not hear her.

He did not respond nonetheless and continued swimming.

"I'm asking you to come up. Do you hear me?" Ning Ran raised her volume.

He heard her this time because he had turned around to look at her.

But still, he did not leave the swimming pool, and it did not seem like he intended to.

"You've been drinking. Hence, you should not swim now. Come up quickly, I don't want to scream and wake the children." Ning Ran lowered her voice.

Nan Chen looked at her again, still not preparing to come up.

"You're not coming up, are you?" Ning Ran was frustrated. "Swimming after drinking could get you killed!"

Nan Chen responded quite clearly this time. He waved for her to leave.

"I'm asking you to come up!"

Nan Chen was ignoring her again. He seemed bothered and was even a little impatient.

"Are you not going to come up? If you're not then I'll jump in," said Ning Ran.

Nan Chen was still ignoring her.

"I have just been discharged from the hospital and you knew that. If you don't come up, I'll dive in and if anything happens to me, you'll bear the responsibility!" Ning Ran shouted.

Nan Chen looked at her again and still remained quiet.

"Alright, you don't believe in me, right? I'm jumping in this second."

Ning Ran was taking off her clothes and preparing to dive in.

However, realization suddenly dawned on her. If I take off everything now, there would be nothing left underneath, isn't this a little...

As she hesitated, Nan Chen swam to the pool deck.

And then, he lifted his body out of the swimming pool and walked toward Ning Ran.

"I wasn't threatening you. If you really didn't come up soon, I'd definitely dive in." Ning Ran exaggerated.

Nan Chen gave her a look before taking the towel to dry himself.

After wiping his front body, he handed the towel to Ning Ran.

He then turned around with his back facing Ning Ran, beckoning her to help dry the water off his back.

What a pretentious man. It would dry off after a little while but he just has to get me to help.

But she asked him to come up, so she had to do as he asked.

Otherwise, if this master really dives in again, do I also dive in together?

So she wiped off the water from Nan Chen's back very servilely.

"Why did you ask me to come up?" It was only then that Nan Chen asked.

"I was scared you'll die. Swimming after having drinking could kill!"

"You're so loud." He splurged these words.

"What the heck? I was caring for you and you're not even appreciating? What an ungrateful rascal." Ning Ran was annoyed.

"I didn't ask for you to care for me," Non Chen replied dispassionately.

"I..." Ning Ran was so offended she was speechless.

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He went to the bedroom and changed into his casual outfit.

After that, he filled his glass with wine again.

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However, Non Chen did not seem to be going for another swim. He drank slowly and turned the television channel to the soccer channel.

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"Yes," Non Chen answered curtly.

"Why should I?" Ning Ran was even more annoyed.

"Didn't I come up as you asked just now?" Non Chen returned.

Ning Ron was tongue-tied. What kind of a reason is this? This man is really something else.

But as she thought about it again, she guessed it was fair since he did come up from the pool.

Alright. I'll save him some face. Let me stay for a while and see what he's up to.

And they sat in silence together. This was their usual way of getting along with each other.

"Why don't you have some drink as well?" Non Chen asked.

"I'm not having a breaking up; why should I drink?" Ning Ron replied.

Non Chen frowned. "Who was having a breakup again?"

"I didn't mention anyone in particular. You don't need to pigeonhole yourself. I was simply making a statement," Ning Ron returned.

"I didn't break up with anyone. I'm not drinking because of that!" Non Chen defended.

"Then what are you drinking for?"

Non Chen opened his mouth but he was startled. Did I just get tricked? She was fishing for my words.

"Why should I tell you?" Non Chen got around it immediately.

"Well. You don't have to tell me why you broke up because even if you tell me, I can't help you," said Ning Ron.

"I told you I was not experiencing a breakup!" Non Chen was starting to feel agitated.

"Why are you acting so offbeat if you're not suffering from a split-up? There's nothing to be ashamed of so you don't need to conceal it." Ning Ron gave Non Chen a sympathetic look.

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"Why should I tell you?" Nan Chen got around it immediately.

"Well. You don't have to tell me why you broke up because even if you tell me, I can't help you," said Ning Ran.

"I told you I was not experiencing a breakup!" Nan Chen was starting to feel agitated.

"Why are you acting so offbeat if you're not suffering from a split-up? There's nothing to be ashamed of so you don't need to conceal it." Ning Ran gave Nan Chen a sympathetic look.

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Celebrity Girl Is My Wife Chapter 407-Nan Chen was totally speechless.

Is this woman forcing me to admit that I have just gone through a breakup?

He decided to ignore her and stood up, striding to the study room.

Ning Ran froze for a while and also stood up and walked toward her bedroom, preparing to turn in.

Just as she reached her bedroom door, she was suddenly curious so she took a turn to the study room.

The door of the study room was closed but she could hear Nan Chen speaking on the phone.

Was he really experiencing a breakup? And is now making a call to salvage his relationship?

She was too inquisitive about it so she tried to open the door.

It was not locked and she pushed the door open gently with a little slit.

Nan Chen was speaking in English over the phone. Oh my goodness, so the girl who broke his heart is a Caucasian?

Ning Ran's English fluency was not too bad so she could understand what Nan Chen was saying.

However, she failed to comprehend fully because there were too many jargons that confused her.

The call was over and there were no more voices from the study room.

Ning Ran was about to leave when the door was suddenly jerked open from within and Ning Ran who was leaning on the door immediately stumbled into the room.

Nan Chen reached out to catch her and a strong fragrance of orange blossom wafted into his nostrils, making his heart flutter.

"You're eavesdropping?"

"No, I was standing there the entire time and did not sneak around, so it's not eavesdropping," Ning Ran retorted.

"Why aren't you sleeping?"

"Aren't you not sleeping as well?"

Their conversation ended and Nan Chen just stared at Ning Ran while she did the same thing to him.

"Come here." Nan Chen took her into the study room and walked toward the desk, then he beckoned her to sit down.

"What are you doing?" Ning Ran wanted to know what he was up to.

"Sit down and listen to me. Don't you want to know why I was so offbeat? I'll tell you now." Nan Chen pressed her on the chair.

"Alright, I'm all ears." Ning Ran was willing to let him clear her doubts.

Nan Chen thought about it for a while before he continued, "But why should I tell you?"

This question rendered Ning Ran speechless. It was as though he was picking on her.

"Forget about it if you're not going to tell me." Ning Ran stood up to leave.

This time, Nan Chen did not stop her but watched as she left the study room.

Poker Face must have had a huge blow and has gone crazy.

Otherwise, he wouldn't have pulled me in and then without even a word, let me leave again. He must have gone mad.

So she returned to the study room again and asked, "Are you tricking me?"

"What?"

"Didn't you have something to tell me? But why did you go back on your word and waste my time?" Ning Ran asked with discontent.

"I was trying to prove to you that I was really troubled and not having a breakup. But then, I thought about it again and felt that I don't need to prove anything to you, so I did not say anything." Nan Chen explained.

These words are really infuriating.

"Very well then. I had something to tell you, too. But I gave it another thought and maybe I didn't need to prove anything to you as well, so let's just forget about it!"

Splurting those words out soothed Ning Ran's temper, so she turned around to leave.

But her hand was grabbed by Nan Chen. "What is it that you want to tell me?"

"Nothing. There's no need for me to tell you," Ning Ran returned.

"Say it!" Nan Chen commanded heartlessly.

"Why should I? You have chosen to not tell me when you don't feel like it, then why can't I do the same?"

"Speak!" Nan Chen could not care less about the hows and whys on her mind. She has to tell me if I want to know.

"Then you should tell me first. I'll only tell you after you've finished telling yours." Ning Ran raised her chin.

Nan Chen was amused by her smug attitude.

This woman is indeed unbridled. She's nothing like the other women.

Well, this is interesting.

"Alright, I'll tell you," Nan Chen finally said.

“But I’m not interested anymore.” Ning Ran turned around to leave.

Nan Chen tightened his grip and pulled her back. “You’re playing hard to get, aren’t you?”

“I’m playing hard to get? Ha! You are thinking too much. I think you’re the one who’s playing hard to get.” Ning Ran snorted.

Nan Chen squinted with a dangerous aura wafting from him. This woman is saying that I’m playing hard to get?

Is she crazy? I can always get what I want easily; why should I play hard to get?

Hence, he pulled Ning Ran over, and pressed her against the wall.

You are pinning against the wall? What era are we in? Who still does this? Isn’t this childish?

“I can get you right now; I don’t need to play hard!”

The man came closer and his breathing could be clearly felt. Ning Ran turned her head on one side and pretended to be calm.

In actual fact, her heartbeat started racing.

Even though she was already the mother of two children, she had never really been in any romantic relationship.

There had been other men around her but she had always kept a safe distance from them; hence, it was very rare for her to be so close to a man physically.

With so little experience in romantic relationships, it was inevitable for her to panic and fluster like a youthful adolescent.

“You... you shouldn’t do this. It’s not appropriate!” Ning Ran was still putting on an act in keeping her cool.

“What is inappropriate?”

Nan Chen could feel himself grasping the upper hand so his tone started to sound like teasing.

“If you have something to say, just do it. Keep some distance. It’s not respectful this way.” Ning Ran could only make up some nonsense.

“Then tell me, what was that that you were going to say to me?” Non Chen asked.

“Let go of me, then I’ll say,” Ning Ron replied clumsily.

“You speak first.”

“I’m not feeling comfortable with you grabbing my hand this way. How can I speak well then? So you let go of me first.” Ning Ron struggled.

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His breath was warm, and there was a faint smell of wine blended with a manly scent on him.

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“Don’t come here. I’ll shout if you do. There are still people in this house; my son and daughter are both here!” Ning Ron pointed at Non Chen.

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Celebrity Girl Is My Wife Chapter 408-“So what’s the result of your pondering?” Ning Ran asked.

“Not too bad,” replied Nan Chen.

“Well, looks like you are fine then,” Ning Ran returned.

“Now’s your turn to tell me what you were going to say to me,” Nan Chen told her.

“What I was going to tell you is, don’t ever drink before you swim again. It’s extremely dangerous,” replied Ning Ran.

“That is what you were going to tell me?” Nan Chen asked with a frown.

“That’s right. Don’t you think this is important? It is to me,” Ning Ran answered with a smile.

Nan Chen knew he had been tricked.

How dare this woman fools me! What a daredevil!

“How dare you make fun of me.”

Nan Chen moved toward her slowly and Ning Ran quickly escaped. “It’s getting late and I need to sleep. I’m still weak as I’ve just recovered so I need to have enough sleep.”

“Stop right there.”

Ning Ran did not listen to him and quickly ran off from the study room to her own bedroom. She then locked the door and went to bed.

As she lay in her bed and recalled what happened just now while her heart was still pounding fast.

Silly me! What is this for?

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The next morning when Ning Ran woke up, Nan Chen had already left.

The lights in the study room were still on. Has he been thinking the whole night in the study room?

After washing up and preparing breakfast, she sent the children to school.

After which, she went for practice at the company. They had been practicing dance moves recently.

The strenuous training was coming to an end and by the time it ended, the movie would start filming.

As soon as she reached the company, she saw someone familiar at the door. It was Ouyang Qing.

Truth be told, they were not close at all. They had only officially met each other several times.

Ouyang Qing greeted her warmly, "Hi, Ding."

Ning Ran nodded her head placidly and replied, "Hi, Ms. Ouyang."

"You can just call me Qing, don't have to be so courteous with me. Are you here for the training?"

"Yes, it's been enhanced recently," Ning Ran replied.

"Alright, I shall not bother you then. I'll leave first, see you later." Ouyang Qing waved at her.

"Bye." Ning Ran waved back at her.

Wang Xiaoou walked toward her after she went into the company. "Perfect timing. Prepare yourself for a bit. We're going to Y City to attend a promotional event."

"Huh? Isn't today scheduled for training? Why are we suddenly leaving? I'm totally unprepared."

"This is a sudden notice from the company and it's just an ordinary promotional event. You don't need to prepare much," replied Wang Xiaoou.

"Alright, let me make some arrangements. I need to send someone to fetch my children in the afternoon and I've even promised to make them dinner."

"Sure, you proceed with that."

After an hour, Ning Ran departed with her team to Y City.

Sitting next to Ning Ran, Wang Xiaoou was looking out the window. Out of the blue, she asked Ning Ran, "How are you and Mr. Chen recently?"

Ning Ran paused for a while. Wang Xiaoou isn't the nosy type; why is she suddenly asking about this today?

"I'm not too good with him." Ning Ran was very honest.

She had never really been very close with Nan Chen. Occasionally they'd get closer to each other, but they would eventually grow further apart due to various kinds of reasons.

"Ms. Ouyang came to the company today," Wang Xiaoou added.

Ning Ran was all the more suspicious. What is happening to Wang Xiaoou today? She's speaking so unusually but what is she really implying?

"Right after which, I got the notice from the company to send us to attend this promotional event," Wang Xiaoou added again.

Ning Ran got it this time. Wang Xiaoou was hinting something to her.

Which meant there was no need for us to go out initially but this promotional event pop up because of Ouyang Qing?

"So what Ou means to say is that it is Ouyang Qing who sent me for this promotional event? But she isn't from our company, she has no right to do that."

"She's one of the investors for the upcoming movie which is under preparation recently. Therefore, she can be considered to have close cooperation with Star Entertainment," said Wang Xiaoou.

"What? She's one of the investors? Doesn't that mean she would become our boss in the future?" Ning Ran exclaimed.

"Well, not exactly. Our boss is still Mr. Chen. He's only co-investing the movie with someone else, that doesn't make the 'someone else' our boss."

Ning Ran nodded. "Does Ou have something to say to me? You can just tell me."

"Nothing. Just treat it as a casual chat."

Wang Xiaoou was a sharp-witted person; hence, she would not let anything slip from her mouth and get herself involved in unnecessary troubles.

Even though Wang Xiaou had not been very straightforward, Ning Ran was able to sense the alarming information she provided.

“Ou, you knew it very well. Although I have two children with Nan Chen, we’re not even friends, not to mention some other relationship.”

Wang Xiaou just listened without speaking.

“I’m not an expert in politicking; so, I hope Ou can give me some advice if there’s anything that I should beware of. Sometimes, I’m a fool who even ended up helping those who were conning me.” Ning Ran tried to sound as pitiful as she could.

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“Where’s Mommy? Why doesn’t she come?” questioned Erbao with a tinge of unhappiness.

Although they had feigned politeness towards Ouyang Qing deliberately before, it was all an act to pacify Mommy.

In their hearts, they did not like Ouyang Qing a single bit even though she always displayed an angelic smile in front of them.

Even a little child understood that not everyone who displayed an angel’s smile was necessarily an angel.

Meanwhile, Ouyang Qing thought that her showing up would bring some cheer to the two children. However, that did not appear to be true.

Not only that, but the disappointment also reflected in Erbao’s eyes was obvious.

The palpable disappointment shown by them was like a pail of cold water pouring down on Ouyang Qing. Her angelic smile tightened a little, trying to hide her annoyance.

She did not give up outright and still tried to cheer them up. “Your Mommy has gone on a last minute business trip. She asked me to come to pick you both up.”

Dabao and Erbao exchanged a suspicious look between each other as both wondered the same thought. Since when Mommy and you are so close that she would entrust you to pick us up? Why does it sound more and more unconvincing?

“I want to give Mommy a call,” said Erbao as she took out her little kiddy mobile phone.

“Darling, there’s no need. Your Mommy is busy. She’s currently recording a show.” Having said that, Ouyang Qing continued to explain, “The show recording is the kind where there’ll be lots of cameras zooming on your Mommy, hence she can’t be disturbed in any way. Do you understand?”

Ouyang Qing stopped herself hurriedly before she blabbered more.

Dabao winked at Erbao. Since Ouyang Qing had come to pick them up, he was sure she was not lying. There was no need to press the issue further.

Having always listened to her older brother, Erbao understood his wink. Since her brother hinted to her not to call, she would not insist on calling.

In order to please the two kids, Ouyang Qing took both of them to their favorite children's restaurant.

As an unmarried woman, she felt no stress babysitting the two children. Since both of them were very sensible and mature beyond their years, her task was seemingly simpler as well.

Even if Erbao had the habit of disappearing occasionally, as long as she waited in the same spot, the former would soon appear again.

It was as if Erbao had a daily-updating navigation system embedded in her head. So she never seemed to get lost.

Erbao was originally in a bad mood. Served with good food, she slowly became jovial once more.

After all, they were mere children. Their moods might be temperamentally tempestuous, but they were quick to forgive and forget.

Ouyang Qing motioned to the security who was standing guard outside the door to come in. She handed her phone to him and said, "Help us snap a few pictures together."

She moved and stood behind Dabao and Erbao. Putting her arms around each of them, she posed for a photo with an angelic smile once more on her face.

The two kids were reluctant, but out of courtesy, they had to cooperate with her.

Interestingly, neither Dabao nor Erbao smiled. Dabao was even more expressionless than his sister. He put on a stoic look on the spot – basically a mini version of Nan Chen's usual look.

With the photos taken, Ouyang Qing quickly opened a beauty filter app to retouch each photo.

With her fair look, she actually looked good even without the need for a beauty filter. She, however, was not satisfied, for she loved to cultivate a more delicate look – the more angelic appearance.

After the meal, Ouyang Qing brought them to the movies, before sending both of them back to the Nan family.

The two kids had not been to the Commoner Residence for a few days, and old Nan Zhengde had longed to meet the two children.

After seeing Ouyang Qing brought the two children back, he was overjoyed.

“Ah, my two darlings! Welcome home!” Old Nan Zhengde greeted and motioned both of them to come to him.

The two darlings rushed over to him obediently and rested on his lap.

“Have both of you eaten? If not, what do you like to eat?” he asked.

“We’ve taken our fill, thank you! Miss Qing brought us for a delicious meal just now,” Erbao replied.

“Miss Qing? Naw, you all should be calling her ‘Aunt Qing’. Be respectful in the future, okay?” Nan Zhengde rebuked them gently.

“It’s okay, sir. They’re just children. They can call me anything. I don’t really mind,” Ouyang Qing graciously responded.

Erbao was perturbed. What do you mean by ‘don’t really mind’? You are the one who asked us to address you casually, aren’t you? And now you’re saying you don’t mind?

Dabao and Erbao exchanged glances between them once again. Dabao hinted to his sister not to say anything anymore.

In her little mind, Erbao felt that adults were quite devious. They could say one thing and mean the other. They switched colors easily to suit their environment, just like a chameleon.

They did not allow kids to sprout nonsenses, but they themselves were full of nonsense.

“Remember, don’t call her Miss Qing anymore. Refer to her as ‘Aunt Qing’, okay? Also, have you thanked her for taking you out for a meal?” asked Nan Zhengde.

“Thank you!” Dabao and Erbao recited together obediently.

“It’s okay, sir. They don’t have to thank me. I like these two to bits and just by being with them, I feel really happy. They feel like a family to me,” explained Ouyang Qing enthusiastically.

She deliberately emphasized the word "family". Naturally, it served her very own purpose.

Her intention was clear. She wanted to show the world that the children and she were close to one another.

"Thank you for your troubles. How is your father? It's been a long while since he last dropped by for a tea with me," old Nan Zhengde enquired with concern.

"Dad has been really busy with work lately. However, he often thinks of you, lamenting his lack of capability and praising your great wisdom. He keeps saying that he will be satisfied even if he possesses only a tenth of your savvy acumen."

The old man smiled at the skillful flattery. Ouyong Duo's daughter was indeed no ordinary person. There was something more to her than met the eyes.

"Your father is someone very capable, more so than me. He's just being polite," said old Non Zhengde laughingly.

"Sir, you're too humble. You're a respected master in the business world. We all need to learn from you. After all, it is due to a great mentor like you that Chen is who he is today."

She was certainly tactful with her words. Not only had she sweet-talked old Non Zhengde, but she had praised Non Chen in the same breath as well.

She knew that Non Zhengde loved Non Chen the most amongst all his grandchildren. Therefore she praised Non Chen's performance in the business circle, then acknowledged his excellent achievement was the result of Non Zhengde's good guidance. Such skillful compliment killed two birds with one stone.

The old man was happy to hear such praise. Even though her flattery was quite obvious, those praises sounded pleasing to his ears, for he loved it when others complimented him.

After all, there was no one in the world who did not like to be flattered.

Old Non Zhengde chuckled pleasantly, "Such a sweet tongue you have. Child, I'm not as good as your compliment."

The old man started musing about his grandson. Chen is not bad actually. He possesses the necessary talents. Coupled with his own hard work, his performance thus far has been satisfying.

"Sir, you're too humble. Although I am young, I've heard of your exploits and achievements when you're young."

She continued to elaborate, "You've fought many battles in the business world. My dad has always talked about them, saying all those feats should be written into textbooks so as to educate the younger generation."

Suddenly she sighed, "It's a pity that I'm a girl, otherwise I would like to consult you for business advice. I will surely benefit and learn a lot from your experience."

Those words made the old man even happier, "You flatter me too much. You don't have to learn from me. Just go learn from your father. He is a very skilled man in his own right."

As their conversations continued, Erboo was losing her patience and spoke up sulkily, "Great-Grandpa, you adults are too long-winded. Both Dobao and I are bored. Can we go play first?"

"Yes, I want to go read a book." Dobao quickly chimed in, for he too was feeling bored by the long chats.

"Hohoho. Growing impatient, are you?" Old Man Zhengde guffawed and said, "Don't just go off like that. Stay a while and keep your Great-Grandpa company. I have not seen you both for days. I miss you all."

"Then what does Great-Grandpa want to chat about? We'll keep you company," Erboo sweetly said.

Ouyang Qing was chatting away with the old man happily before the interruption. She was taking the opportunity to win his favor, but she did not expect the two children to disrupt the conversation and change the topic. For that, she was deeply irked. However, there was nothing she could do.

If only she had known that Erboo and Dobao were doing the disruption deliberately, she would definitely be even more peeved.

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"Sir, you're too humble. You're a respected master in the business world. We all need to learn from you. After all, it is due to a great mentor like you that Chen is who he is today."

She was certainly tactful with her words. Not only had she sweet-talked old Man Zhengde, but she had praised Nan Chen in the same breath as well.

She knew that Nan Zhengde loved Nan Chen the most amongst all his grandchildren. Therefore she praised Nan Chen's performance in the business circle, then acknowledged his excellent achievement was the result of Nan Zhengde's good guidance. Such skillful compliment killed two birds with one stone.

The old man was happy to hear such praise. Even though her flattery was quite obvious, those praises sounded pleasing to his ears, for he loved it when others complimented him.

After all, there was no one in the world who did not like to be flattered.

Old Nan Zhengde chuckled pleasantly, "Such a sweet tongue you have. Child, I'm not as good as your compliment."

The old man started musing about his grandson. Chen is not bad actually. He possesses the necessary talents. Coupled with his own hard work, his performance thus far has been satisfying.

"Sir, you're too humble. Although I am young, I've heard of your exploits and achievements when you're young."

She continued to elaborate, "You've fought many battles in the business world. My dad has always talked about them, saying all those feats should be written into textbooks so as to educate the younger generation."

Suddenly she sighed, "It's a pity that I'm a girl, otherwise I would like to consult you for business advice. I will surely benefit and learn a lot from your experience."

Those words made the old man even happier, "You flatter me too much. You don't have to learn from me. Just go learn from your father. He is a very skilled man in his own right."

As their conversations continued, Erbao was losing her patience and spoke up sulkily, "Great-Grandpa, you adults are too long-winded. Both Dabao and I are bored. Can we go play first?"

"Yes, I want to go read a book." Dabao quickly chimed in, for he too was feeling bored by the long chats.

"Hahaha. Growing impatient, aye?" Old Nan Zhengde guffawed and said, "Don't just go off like that. Stay a while and keep your Great-Grandpa company. I have not seen you both for days. I miss you all."

"Then what does Great-Grandpa want to chat about? We'll keep you company," Erbao sweetly said.

Ouyang Qing was chatting away with the old man happily before the interruption. She was taking the opportunity to win his favor, but she did not expect the two children to disrupt the conversation and changed the topic. For that, she was deeply irked. However, there was nothing she could do.

If only she had known that Erbao and Dabao were doing the disruption deliberately, she would definitely be even more peeved.

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Celebrity Girl Is My Wife Chapter 410-Much later, Erbao was already in her cartoonish pajamas and was laying down when someone knocked on the door.

“Please come in,” Erbao called out in a long, draggy voice, imitating Ning Ran’s usual tone.

Dabao came in with a tablet in his hand.

“Dabao, what’s the matter?” asked Erbao as she got up.

“Look at this!”

Dabao passed the tablet in his hand to Erbao as she peered to take a look. On the screen was the photo of them together with Ouyang Qing.

There were words accompanying the photo. Yet Erbao found it hard to read because firstly, she could not understand, and secondly, she found it troublesome to do so.

Therefore the easiest solution was to ask her brother. “What’s going on?”

“Miss Qing posted the photos of us eating and playing together and shared them among her circle of friends. Somehow the photos were picked up by the media and were reposted online. Now they’re being circulated publicly,” Dabao briefly explained.

“I feel it’s okay. After all, those photos are taken really well. I look pretty, and you look handsome.” Erbao nonchalantly pointed out.

“Even right as we speak, there is a rumor circulating that Ouyang Qing is going to marry Daddy.” Revealing the rumor, Dabao emphasized, “Right now those photos have become the evidence that Ouyang Qing is going to be our stepmother. These things are happening right under our noses!”

Dabao used to call her “Miss Qing”. However, the way he addressed her had changed, as she was now referred to as mere Ouyang Qing.

When Erbao heard the revelation, her expression immediately changed.

“What? She wants to marry Daddy? What about Mommy then?”

“That woman. She does all these on purpose,” Dabao clenched his teeth as he spoke accusingly.

“But why? Why would she do all these?” Erbao still had a hard time comprehending the whole situation.

“She deliberately posted these photos on the internet to make the netizens think that she’s the one going to marry Daddy. She has also flattered Great-Grandpa to please him so that he will agree to her marrying Daddy. All these are her plans. She has plotted all these on purpose!” Dabao gritted his teeth, realizing that they had been manipulated.

Erbao could only nod again and again as she started to feel uneasy. “Then what shall we do now?”

Immediately, Dabao answered firmly, “We have to prevent her from marrying Daddy. By hook or by crook! We will never let her be our stepmother! We already have the best Mommy, and we don’t need a second one!”

“Yes! I agree!” Erbao raised her small fist enthusiastically into the air in agreement.

Just as quickly, her enthusiasm faded as she realized, “But this matter is adults’ business. We are only children. What can we do?”

Dabao frowned, “We definitely have to meddle with adults’ affairs! After all, don’t they always meddle with ours?”

Continuing his crusading speech, he went on. “If Ouyang Qing marries Daddy, we’ll have to call her Mommy in the future. since this matter is related to us, it is only proper that we interfere and take care of this.”

“Yes! We must interfere!” Erbao shook her fist in gusto, echoing Dabao’s sentiment. “But what can we do? Where do we start?”

“Now think, if she wants to marry Daddy, who does she need to agree to the marriage?” Dabao asked Erbao with a glint in his eyes.

Erbao tilted her head to the side and thought for a while, “Daddy is the one who must agree!”

“Naturally! That can’t be denied. Now aside from Daddy, who else needs to agree to the marriage?” Dabao asked again.

Erbao quizzically replied, “Umm... Also Mommy?”

Shaking his tiny head vigorously, Dabao impatiently pointed out, "You're now confused! If they want to get married they don't actually need Mommy's consent!"

"That's true. Guess I'm wrong. Ah! I know! They'll need Great-Grandpa and Great-Grandma to agree too! As well as bad Grandpa and bad Grandma's approval!" Erbao exclaimed.

"You're almost there. The main person they need the nod from will be Great-Grandpa." Dabao nodded his head.

"Yes! Great-Grandpa is the head of the family. He needs to give his consent." Erbao nodded, understanding the whole process by now.

"Therefore, in order to succeed in this matter, we need the two key persons. One is Daddy, and the other is Great-Grandpa. As long as either one of these two disagrees with the marriage, it will not be possible." Dabao finished his analysis in a single breath.

"Yes!" Erbao nodded, pretending to be in deep thought.

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Erbao protested, "But we've tried this before. And there's no result to show."

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"What are we going to do then?" Erbao asked curiously.

"We will let her take us out again tomorrow," he said.

Looking at him in disbelief, she shook her head. "Ah, not this trick again. I think I heard you say something about changing our methods?"

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“How would I know what’s going on? I just received a sudden notice that there’s an event that requires my attendance. Then I called Qiao Zhan to arrange for someone to pick up the kids, but I have not expected Ouyang Qing to be the one fetching them!” Ning Ran sounded upset.

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"Who she marries is her own business. Who Nan Chen wants to marry is his decision too. Not that I care. But I definitely won't let them have my children!" Ning Ran voiced stubbornly.

"Are you stupid?" Xiangyun questioned before continuing, "Once Nan Chen marries, can your children still remain by your side? At that time, he will no longer support you, and may even stop you or put you in cold storage. You'll not have any chance to shine, or develop your career further! You'll end up relegated to becoming just a normal artist!"

Pausing for a breath, she lamented, "You'll drop out of the limelight. No one will care about you. There will be no more endorsements or advertisements. Then, no more jobs or casting calls. Your life will be difficult, just like the way it was before!"

Without wasting a moment, Xiangyun prodded further, "When that happens, do you think you can do for the custody of your children? I mean fight against the Nan family for them? You can dream on!"

"The Nan family itself is already powerful. A conglomerate giant. Once it combined with the Ouyang family, you'll become a mere ant – easily trampled to death!"

Cheng Xiangyun got more and more agitated as she spoke. As she rambled on, Ning Ran could not find any chance to interrupt.

"C'mon! Speak up! What are you pretending to be dumb for? Aren't you usually fierce? Has your aggression been tamed?" Xiangyun was practically screaming over the call before halting to catch her breath.

Finally finding the pause to speak her mind, Ning Ran rebutted, "Do you even give me a chance to speak?"

"Okay! I'll give you a chance now. Speak up! What is your plan now?" challenged her aunt.

Taking up the challenge, Ning Ran snapped, "I don't know yet. Anyway, no matter what, I won't let my children follow Ouyang Qing. Not a chance! Over my dead body!"

“Then you’ll have to stop this marriage! If you let them go on, you’ll have no say as to who the children belong to once they are married. The decision will be out of your hands by then!”

Emphasizing the severity of the situation, Xiangyun repeated once more, “Don’t you know how powerful the Nan family is. Coupled with that wily vixen Ouyang Qing, do you think you can obtain custody of your children? Stop dreaming and start taking action now!”

With that, a strong sense of crisis suddenly overwhelmed Ning Ran.

Trying to sound calm, Ning Ran asked, “Then what do you think that I should do now?”

“You go and stop Nan Chen and Ouyang Qing. No matter what means you use, you must prevent them from getting married by hook or by crook. If none of that work, then you might as well just kill Ouyang Qing,” Xiangyun gravely advised.

“Huh? Are you out of your mind?” Ning Ran was shocked by the suggestion.

“Of course, it’s a joke. I’m merely exaggerating. In summary, you have to stop Nan Chen and Ouyang Qing at all costs. Stop them from marrying each other. Otherwise, you and I are done for. Everyone is done for!”

Hearing that, Ning Ran sighed, “It’s too difficult a task for me. Those two are from two prominent families of similar social standing. Truly a match made in heaven. How can I stop them? What right do I have to stop them?”