

## **Fake Marriage 121**

### **Chapter 121: As Long as You Leave My Uncle, I Will Believe You!**

Originally, the thing that Gu Chenyi found unacceptable was not the fact that Mu Huan approached him for the sake of money. Although he hated those who got close to him for his fortune, if that person was her, he was still willing to give everything that he had to her even if she was with him only for his money.

But what he couldn't accept was that she went to the bar to accompany clients!

She kept saying that she was only moonlighting at the bar, but...

Working at such a place, and with those photos as well, how clean could she be?

He couldn't accept it. No matter what, he just couldn't. The girl he loved, and whom he hadn't even held hands with, was already...

It was because he just couldn't accept this fact, that's why he broke up with her!

"Do you think Bao Junyan will be as dumb as you to believe just a few photos?" Mu Huan raised her eyebrows in mockery.

"If it isn't true, then why would Qingya lie to me? She is your best friend. Why would she hurt you?! And your grandma as well. They are the closest people to you. If you didn't do those things, why would they hurt you?" She still refused to admit it from the beginning until now!

"The closest people to me? You are so dumb to the point that I don't even want to talk to you any longer!" Mu Huan had already told him very clearly in the past that she was not close to her grandma. All of this had been planned by her grandma to force her into an arranged marriage for the sake of exchanging benefits. But he did not believe her and persisted in thinking that her own biological grandma did not want to hurt her.

He believed her grandma's words, that it was because she lost her mother when she was young that she developed such a rebellious personality. That was why she ended up going astray.

At that moment, she really wanted to pry open his brain and see what was stored there. Why did he not believe in his girlfriend yet believed in what her grandma said about her?

"It's because you are unable to explain it, that's why you no longer want to talk about it!"

"I've already said it very clear since the beginning, but you refuse to believe me! So what else can I explain?!" She was unable to explain it? She had already spelled out the truth so clearly to him but he just wouldn't believe her. What's the point in explaining anything?!

Gu Chenyi thought about what Mu Huan said in the past, that all of this had been plotted by her grandma to force her into an arranged marriage. He then thought about how his uncle was in an arranged marriage as well, and his heart wavered a little. "Why didn't you tell me that you were being forced by your grandma to attend my uncle's matchmaking event?"

If she had told him in the beginning that she was going to attend the Bao family's matchmaking event, he could have asked around and everything would have been made clear to him. However, she refused to tell him and said only that her grandma did this because she wanted to force her to marry a rich person.

He went around Yun Cheng to dig out some information about this, but there wasn't a wealthy man who wanted to marry her. Naturally, he chose to believe Lin Qingya and her grandma's words.

"I didn't know at that point that I was going to attend your uncle's matchmaking event either!" Her grandma was afraid that Mu Huan would try to find a way to ruin it if she found out she was attending the Bao family's matchmaking event. Therefore, her grandma did not tell her about it. She had told Mu Huan only that she had to listen to her and be in an arranged marriage if she wanted her granny to continue receiving treatment. At that time, all she knew was that it was definitely a rich man.

It was only when she finally attended the matchmaking event that night that she found out about everything. When she learned that it wasn't an arranged marriage that was fixed and that she might not successfully marry even if her grandma wanted her to, she hurriedly hid and tried to lower her presence at the event. Who knew that she would still be chosen in the end?!

Gu Chenyi was silent for a while before he said, "Leave my uncle. As long as you leave my uncle, I will believe that everything you said is true!"

"Why should I divorce him just so that I can make you believe me?" It didn't matter if he believed her anymore!

### **Chapter 122: So I Should Believe You Instead of Her?**

"You kept on saying that you are not greedy and not in love with money, yet you refuse to leave my uncle!" Her not wanting to leave his uncle meant that she was greedy and wanted money. It was the best evidence to show that she was willing to do anything for money!

If not, why would a woman who just turned 20 marry a man who was ten years older than she was? Someone whom she did not love?

"Think whatever you like!" Mu Huan felt like there was nothing else she could say to him. If she said anything more, she would not be able to control herself.

"Mu Huan, I will never allow you to be my aunt! If you do not leave him, don't blame me for using underhanded means to force you to leave!" Gu Chenyi said with an icy gaze.

Mu Huan couldn't be bothered with him and was about to turn around and leave when she suddenly thought of something. "Gu Chenyi, even though I don't want to say much to you, for Bao Junyan's sake, let me tell you something. Don't believe Lin Qingya's words blindly. She is not who you think she is. The situation that occurred during my grandma's birthday banquet was orchestrated by her. She was even able to use someone like my stepmother and successfully managed to be with you. She may look innocent, but she really isn't!"

“Mu Huan, you are truly disappointing and disgusting. Qingya was so worried about you during your grandma’s birthday celebration. For the sake of advising you, for the sake of your own good, she even ended up being forced by me into... She had already done so much for you and yet you are talking bad about her. You are really...!” Gu Chenyi’s disappointment toward Mu Huan had reached its peak.

He really hated himself. Why was he unable to let her go even though she was such a person? He even wanted to give her a chance and believe her words earlier!

“For the sake of advising me? For the sake of my own good? Do you believe everything she says?”

“If I do not believe her, then who should I believe? You?”

“What the f\*ck! You are seriously so f\*cking dumb that you’re incurable! You deserve to be tricked!” If she continued to hang around Gu Chenyi, she would not be able to control herself and might end up bashing him!

“Mu Huan!” Gu Chenyi yelled angrily, unable to handle the way Mu Huan was talking to him.

Mu Huan was about to leave again when she suddenly remembered that she still had some words she hadn’t said to him in private.

She was really driven foolish by her anger because of him!

“Gu Chenyi, why did you have to tell your uncle that I was a woman who was crazy for you and pursued you relentlessly?!” His twisted words had ruined her reputation!

“If I hadn’t said that you were the one who pursued me, then should I have said we dated previously instead and let my uncle know that we used to be in love?”

Mu Huan was grossed out at that moment. “I had only just accepted your pursuit. We haven’t even held hands yet!”

“Even if that’s so, do you think my uncle will be willing to hear that his wife and his nephew had dated before?”

Mu Huan thought about it and found that he was right. Such things were best left unsaid. “Regarding what you said, I will forget about it this time. I will tell your uncle that you misunderstood me. Don’t ruin my reputation again next time. If you do, you better watch out!”

If he did this again, she would uncontrollably beat him up!

“If you do not leave my uncle, I will keep ruining your reputation to force you to leave him!” Gu Chenyi said coldly.

He did not want his uncle to know that he had dated Mu Huan before as he knew that his uncle always covered his own shortcomings and believed strongly in his own insight. If he thought Mu Huan was good, then Mu Huan was good in every way. If his uncle were to find out that he had dated Mu Huan previously, his uncle would not believe in any of the bad things he said about Mu Huan.

He would think only that Gu Chenyi was indignant about the breakup and wanted to take revenge on Mu Huan. He might even indefinitely send him overseas thereafter!

## Chapter 123: Why Did He Turn Out to Be Your Nephew?

“You!” She was so upset that she wanted to punch him. Unfortunately, he was Bao Junyan’s nephew, and one whom she could not touch!

“I’m giving you one month to leave my uncle. If you still insist on staying with him after a month, I’ll take action!” The boy tossed his ultimatum and left.

As she watched him departing, her head started to throb. Of all people, why must Bao Junyan’s nephew be Gu Chenyi?

How could someone with “Gu” as a surname turn out to be Bao Junyan’s nephew?!

After Gu Chenyi returned to the hall, he left the house speedily with Lin Qingya in tow. He did not want to witness the happy scene between his uncle and Mu Huan.

Right about this time, the man had changed clothes and went downstairs.

“Your nephew is gone,” she told him.

“Yes.”

“His name is Gu Chenyi. Why is he your nephew?” She could not understand why these two with different family names could end up related to each other.

“He’s my cousin’s son. When my cousin married the only daughter of the Gu family, his son took over the mother’s family name,” he told her.

“...”

It was hard to imagine that such an influential family like the Baos would want to enter into an uxori-local marriage.

*And honestly, how old is his cousin to have such a grown-up son?!*

The man popped a question out of the blue. “Do you like Chenyi and pursued him in the past?”

“That’s only his presumption, I’ve never chased after him!”

The man merely acknowledged this with a soft hum.

The moment she realized that the boy would go all out to destroy her reputation thereafter, she hastily walked up to her husband. “Hubby, please don’t believe any of his words when he badmouths me again next time. We’re on bad terms now. He’s out to ruin my reputation!” she said petulantly, clinging on his arm and looking up at him.

“What was the feud between you two?”

“...”

How was she going to put it across to him? Should she mention that they were dating in the past and he decided to break up with her after believing the malicious lies from her grandma and Lin Qingya? And now, he wanted her to divorce him as well?

Being totally honest would implicate too many people and too many issues. It would be courting trouble.

“Hubby, may I keep this a secret?” Her eyes lifted toward him dolefully.

“...”

“Hubby, I can promise you that there isn’t any intimate relationship between the two of us now! I want to keep this a secret because there is stuff that juniors like us will not want a senior like you to know!”

“Juniors... and a senior like me?” The man narrowed his eyes dangerously.

The menacing aura emanating from him was enough to make her shudder. She quickly corrected, “Hubby, that’s not what I meant... I mean... I mean...”

In the end, after searching in vain for a suitable description, she could only say, “Hubby, you are considered a senior as you’re Gu Chenyi’s uncle!”

“...”

“Surely, there must be stuff that you didn’t want your seniors to know when you were 18 or 19, right? So, Hubby... can I not tell you the secret...?” She did everything she could to give him that coquettish, doe-eyed look.

“...”

“Come, I’ve prepared a feast for you. Let’s have dinner, Hubby! I’m famished!” She forcefully diverted the subject as she dragged the man to the dining table.

He kept quiet, though he did not insist on her telling, either.

The next day.

“Go and check up on Madam’s past relationship with Chenyi.”

PA Wang was stunned. “Madam and young mister?”

“Yes.”

His assistant was about to execute the order after receiving the confirmation when the man intercepted.

“Forget it, there’s no need to investigate.” He guessed that the two must have been entangled in a relationship back in the past. And now, since his wifey had sworn that there was no more of this kind of relationship, then he needed not be bothered with what had happened in the past. Now, she was the boy’s aunt-in-law and he was her nephew.

**Chapter 124: I Will Be Good to You from Now Onward**

Some things were better left unsaid.

PA Wang was rather surprised to hear his boss retracting his order. In all his years of service, he had not seen him retracting his word after he'd made up his mind.

"Go and get busy." The man turned to look at the papers on his table instead.

His assistant knew he had better not probe further after hearing that.

After his assistant left the room, he continued to work on his document. While signing his name on the paper, his mind wandered again to the status of their relationship. The thought that his docile wifey might have had a relationship with his nephew disturbed him so much that the pen that he was holding in his hand broke into half with his blunt force.

And then, his mind wandered further. He realized that there was a likelihood that his nephew had been rejected by Mu Huan and, thus, he had badmouthed her to save face. In the end, he decided not to look for the young chap to speak to him about his current girlfriend. He had wanted to warn him about Lin Qingya, but that would mean his mind would be unsettled again, and he did not want that.

At the hospital.

Today was the day that Mu Huan had planned to secretly transfer her granny out of captivity. First, she drugged the guards outside the hospital room and then got Wu Xingye to hack the surveillance system to create a false impression that the cameras had malfunctioned.

After the guards were doped into dreamland, she, along with Li Meng and Wu Xingye, dressed up as the hospital medical staff. Armed with surgical masks and a trolley bed, the three of them slipped into her granny's room.

After carefully transferring the old lady onto the trolley, they thought they were on the brink of success as they were about to push her granny out when the door suddenly burst open.

In came Matriarch Mu with her team of bodyguards in black suits, blocking the door.

The knuckles on the girl's hands turned stiff from gripping hard on the trolley handle.

The old lady swept her gaze across the room nonchalantly, and without any change in expression, she told the girl, "Xiao Huan, get your friends outside first. Grandma here wants to speak to you alone."

Mu Huan's grip on the trolley tightened for a few seconds before she looked at her friends, signaling them to leave the room first.

Her friends knew very well that with the three of them, they might be able to defeat the matriarch's guards. However, having to look out for the sick granny during the fight would reduce their chance of winning. Furthermore, the possibility of hurting her granny was something the girl would not risk, not even at the expense of winning the fight.

Hence, the two of them left the room without a word.

After they left, the matriarch also got her men to leave the room and close the door, leaving behind the two of them alone.

Looking at the girl, the old woman commented, "You're becoming more and more capable."

This impeccable plan had been devised by a mere 19-year-old girl.

She listened without a word.

Looking at her, the elder sighed all of a sudden. "If only your heart has gone to me, your grandma here."

If such a smart and capable granddaughter were willing to serve her and the Mu family, it would bring tremendous benefits to their reputation!

The girl replied sarcastically, "One needs to give in order to receive. Grandma here seems to be looking for rewards without having given anything in the first place. That will be too much of a good thing, then."

"One can give only when a seed is present. You're the offspring of the Mu family; you belong to the Mus. Without us, there's no you."

"Grandma, you can be direct with me. I'm an unfilial grandchild who has no concept of filial piety. All I know is, I'll be good to those who are good to me. And I'll return an eye for an eye to those who are out to take me down, no matter who they are!" A bond between two persons had to be nurtured with genuine care and concern. It did not mean that she had to give unconditionally to the Mus just because she was born into the Mu household!

*Does the old woman expect me to be grateful to the Mu family just because I was born into this place? Well, I really don't wish to have been born into this household in the first place!*

"Then, if Grandma starts to be good to you from now on, would that salvage the situation?" The matriarch's expression was suddenly glowing with gentle compassion, much like Buddha's.

"..."

## **Chapter 125: You Are Still Young**

"Xiao Huan, I know you don't trust me with your granny. Since you don't trust me, then you can go ahead and transfer her away. Grandma here can stop you, but I won't. I won't threaten you with your granny either. You just have to do your part as Mrs. Bao."

*Her meaning was clear: I can stop you. Your life is in my control. You can live well only if I allow you to. If I want you to suffer, there's no way you can resist. But I won't try to threaten or control you, I'll be good to you instead. But you have to think of our family and do your part as well.*

She understood what her grandma was driving at. Dipping her eyes, she promised, "I'll do my part as Mrs. Bao."

"That's good. The contract between the Bao Group and its cooperating hospital is ending soon. You have to get our family hospital to be their cooperating hospital this time. I want the signatories to be carried out personally by Bao Junyan and me."

She did not get to announce the union of the Mus and Baos at her birthday banquet previously. Thus, she wanted to use this opportunity to announce their relationship this time.

“I’ll try my best.”

“Trying is not good enough. You have to make it happen! This is not a difficult task!”

Mu Huan was just about to add something when the old lady continued, “You want to transfer your granny to the hospital under your grandfather’s friend, right?”

She got a shock.

“Xiao Huan, I’ll make myself clear here. Your granny won’t be able to leave this place unless you have the capability to send her abroad where I can’t touch her. Because no matter which hospital you bring her to in this country, I’ll know.”

The hands hanging down by her sides clenched tightly into ball-like fists.

“Xiao Huan, you just graduated from high school and you’re still young. On the other hand, your grandma here has lived long enough to be someone whom you can’t handle yet. I know your plan. You want to bring your granny under your care so you can increase your influence with a peace of mind. After that, you can then come and fight against me. You can still do that now. You can take your granny away and I won’t find trouble with her. But as to what you need to do, I think you know better, right?”

“Don’t play games behind my back. Since I’m being so truthful with you today, you better do the same. Remember, you don’t want to antagonize your grandma here. No matter what, you are still my granddaughter. No matter how much I dislike your granny, I’ve never been ruthless with you, so don’t force me to go down that route.”

She laid out her power clearly before the girl before leaving.

She knew her granddaughter was a smart girl. The latter would know what to do without the need for her to say more.

The matriarch was more shrewd and powerful than what the girl had reckoned. Through the incident involving Bai Xuexian, the old woman could see that her granddaughter had gained a foothold in Bao Junyan’s heart. So she would not use her granny to threaten her anymore.

She might kick her own foot if the man found out about this matter. A hostage was useless if she could no longer be used as a pawn. Hence, her granddaughter could take her away if she wanted. In any case, there was still a trump card in her hand. As long as the youngling had no power yet to resist her, she would need to abide by her wishes.

Once again, the old lady was glad that she’d made that smart move back then.

At the shopping mall.

“This looks good on you, we can get this,” Gu Chenyi said to Lin Qingya while pointing at a random piece of clothing.

The girl refused the offer gently. “It’s not necessary. I have a lot of clothes already.”



“Girls like to have many in their wardrobe, right? The more, the merrier.” When they bumped into Xiao Huan previously, she’d bought a lot of clothes.

### **Chapter 126: Where There’s a Will, There’s a Way (1)**

“Everyone’s preferences are different,” Lin Qingya replied with a smile.

Gu Chenyi: “My mom will be sure to nag if you return without buying something.”

Despite him feeling very apologetic toward the woman for what had happened, he had no intention of making her his girlfriend. Little did he expect, however, that his mother was acquainted with her and even had a good impression of her. She insisted on him trying out a relationship with the young lady upon learning the news of that incident.

His reluctance to abide by her wish had had her fuming and going on a hunger strike all day long. His father and his grandfather, who saw his mother as the apple of their eyes, were naturally displeased with his disobedience and, as such, forced him to be in a relationship with Lin Qingya despite his lack of romantic feelings for her.

It was fortunate that she was willing to play the role of his girlfriend when she learned about his predicament, thus finally resolving the matter.

For a girl who had just lost her innocence, not only did she not hold him accountable for his action, but she was also considerate of his plight. Sometimes, he could not help but wonder, *Why can't I let go of my feelings for an indecent girl like Mu Huan and develop feelings for this angel instead? If only I liked Lin Qingya!*

When she heard his reply, a troubled look descended on the young woman’s face. “We’ll buy fewer pieces of clothing, then. We mustn’t buy too many.”

“Mm.” He then led her into the retail store.

An irrepressible surge of happiness bloomed within her upon her seeing how easily she could now enter these shops that she used to only look at from afar to try on and shop for clothes.

*Hard work pays off, indeed! Finally, I’m only a step away from my goal after all that planning and preparation!*

*At this rate, I believe I’ll be able to attain what I want soon enough!*

Speaking of which, her preparation had indeed started way back. From the moment she inadvertently learned about Gu Chenyi’s family background in the second semester of her freshman year in high school, she had been trying to attract the guy’s attention since. Alas, his eyes and heart were never on her.

She did not give up, though. Instead, she made use of her status as Mu Huan’s bestie and that chap’s need for her to assist in his wooing of Mu Huan and slowly got to know more about his family. When she learned that his mother was a rich missy who was naive of the treachery of the world, she decided to act on her.

The lass, thereafter, found herself a part-time job in the foundation that was under his mother's management. While holding a meager salary, the load of work she took on amounted to several persons' worth. That diligence of hers, coupled with her impressive socializing skills, made everyone in the foundation especially fond of and have only praises for her.

She even went so far as to doing voluntary work at the orphanage his mother frequented for two whole years. During this period, the former feigned ignorance about the latter's identity despite the case being otherwise. Also, without attempting to get close or fawning upon the older woman, she would, very craftily, show her good side to her.

Mrs. Gu, being the sole child of her family who was born with poor health, had been raised in a pampered environment. Even when she later got married to a good husband who gave her a carefree life, the man, along with her father, had kept her locked up in an ivory tower, which resulted in her simple-mindedness.

The older woman truly believed what her eyes saw. Not to mention, the young lady had been putting up some brilliant performances in front of her in those two years of their acquaintance.

The latter was just a high-schooler two years back, so who could ever have imagined that this child could possibly be so conniving?

Hence, upon learning that the young lady her son had forced himself on was Lin Qingya, Mrs. Gu insisted on him trying to date her.

Her son had to take responsibility for defiling this angel!

### **Chapter 127: Where There's a Will, There's a Way (2)**

Lin Qingya insisted otherwise instead, claiming that the man did not like her and that love could not be forced.

The more she insisted, however, the more Mrs. Gu reckoned that her son must never miss out on this angel even if it was not in the name of responsibility!

Maddened at her son's refusal to oblige, she thus refused to eat her meals. Being poor in health in the first place, she would get easily sick if she went on hunger strikes. Hence, her husband and her father naturally exerted pressure on her son over this matter.

Right at this point, Lin Qingya then suggested to Gu Chenyi that they play pretend couple to appease his mom's anger first and, after some time of "dating," they would then tell her that they were not suitable for each other and would "break up."

In that case, his mother would not ask him for anything more.

The man felt grateful and indebted to her to the point that he saw her as an angel!

It reinforced his belief of her being a wondrous and hard-to-come-by girl!

This was why he found Mu Huan to be simply vile when she told him that the other woman had schemed against him. The latter was such an angel who treated them so sincerely and wholeheartedly, but all she got in return was her bestie's slanders!

As the saying went, "Where there's a will, there's a way." The scariest thing in this world is an opportunist.

Mu Huan was no fool, but the reason for her being deceived for years was because of her lack of ill intention to be planning schemes against others and her refusal to see the bad in others. Being someone who sees only the good in people, she naturally failed to see the bad in Lin Qingya.

This was the opposite for the latter, who would carefully plan out everything and, oftentimes, achieve results with half the effort due to her pure and innocuous appearance.

After buying a few pieces of clothes that she liked very much, she insistently refused to buy any more regardless of what Gu Chenyi had to say.

"How are we going to account it to my mom if you buy so little?" Apart from being afraid of his mother's nagging at him, he wanted to compensate her in monetary form.

"How about this: why don't we buy some gifts for those pitiful orphans? The little ones will surely be overjoyed to see me coming with presents later in the afternoon!" suggested the woman with the look and aura of the Virgin Mary.

The man was impressed with how kindhearted and upright she had grown up to be despite her coming from a poor background with an abusive stepfather. In contrast, Mu Huan grew up in a sea of love but, at her mother's premature passing, she had been led astray. This rebellious girl, who would do anything for the sake of money, was simply too base!

No harm would be caused without comparisons, but once he did so, he could not find a justifiable excuse to explain her being led astray no matter how hard he tried.

"As long as you're happy." After that, he did not say anything more.

Lin Qingya became very generous during the buying of gifts for the orphan children. She bought plenty and they were only of the best.

That helped chalk up a few points of the man's fondness for her in her favor. Gu Chenyi just could not fathom how she, being Mu Huan's childhood friend and bestie, could be far better in character than the other. She could not bear to buy anything for herself, yet she was so generous toward the children.

At this point, the man had forgotten clean that it was his money that she was spending. Who would feel heartache about it if they were to be given the chance to do a favor to someone while making an impression of themselves at someone else's expense?

So, of course, she could be so freehanded in her spending!

It just so happened to be sunset by the time the two reached the orphanage in his car. And so, under that stunning sunset, the woman in a white dress, with a gentle and pure smile on her face, handed out presents to the children amid their innocent laughter. It painted an extremely heartwarming and beautiful scene!

Once again, he could not help but sigh inwardly. *Why can't the one I like be this wondrous girl?*

### **Chapter 128: Where There's a Will, There's a Way (3)**

Gu Chenyi might not be attracted to Lin Qingya, but his belief about her being a hard-to-come-by girl became stronger. As such, he refused to believe that she was capable of scheming against others and reckoned that these were just slanderous lies that Mu Huan came up with!

His faith in her was more unwavering than ever.

The nightlights were slowly coming on as long queues formed on the road during the evening peak hours.

Bao Junyan, however, was still at work in his office.

He scanned through the documents as PA Wang stood aside and reported the sales' increase across the Bao Group's department stores for this month.

His head lifted when he heard that their company's electronic and technological stores had an increase of 80% in monthly sales as compared to the prior month.

"What special marketing tactics have been employed?"

"None at all. It's just the start-of-school season. Nowadays, freshmen usually start school with a set of must-have three-piece digital products; that is, a new laptop, a new tablet, and a new cell phone. It's why this month's electronic sales have skyrocketed."

There were too many industries that the company had a share in, and with the department store industry being only a small part of it, the man rarely paid much attention to it. It was only when there was a large increase or decline in sales that he would ask about it.

Recently, he had been so swamped up with work that he'd had little time to pay attention to anything else. Hence, it was only at his assistant's mention of this that he realized his wife was about to start school, too.

"Go find out what other things are popular among freshmen and prepare a set of them. They will have to be of the best." His wife must not only have what others have, but she also must have the best.

"Understood."

With his assistant being a highly efficient worker, Bao Junyan was able to bring home all the equipment that was trending among freshmen that very night.

Mu Huan was reading her college's pharmaceutical teaching materials for year one when he arrived home.

Being always the one to grumble about Heaven being unjust and how Mu Huan could fare so well in exams despite her spending her time working every day instead of studying, it never occurred to Lin Qingya that, in the time she had spent scheming against others, her friend had maximized and made full use of every second of everyday life and school.

Success did not come easily; it was just that people failed to see the blood, sweat, and tears of others.

When Mu Huan noticed her husband's return, she immediately put down her book and went up to welcome him. "You're back, Hubby!"

The man's lip corners hooked up slightly and involuntarily when he was faced with her sweet smile. "Here." He handed the suitcase in his hand over to her, which she reached for at once.

"What's this?"

"Open it and have a look."

Upon her opening it, a full suitcase and a variety of items came into sight. They were all necessities for students, which included the latest versions of a laptop and a tablet. She raised her head quizzically. "Are they for me?"

"Yes." Bao Junyan would sometimes find his wife to be rather silly, and this was what was happening now. For such an obvious matter, she still had to ask such a silly question. "Isn't school starting soon? Take a look and see if there's anything else you lack."

The lass could not help feeling touched again as she stared at that suitcase of items. She never expected him, being such a busy man, to remember such a minor detail.

Who could possibly resist such a man?

Just when she was about to say something, he opened his mouth and said, "Our company's current employees-hospital partnership is coming to end. Go inform your grandma to prepare the contract."

She lifted her head in surprise at that. "Are you intending to give that contract to my family's hospital?"

"Yes."

"..."

She had yet to come up with a way to broach the subject of her grandma's request, but here he went, giving that said contract to her family...

"Your grandma must've asked you to talk about this matter with me."

Her eyes bulged wide in alarm. *How did he know?*

### **Chapter 129: All Businessmen Are Crafty (1)**

"The entire medical industry has heard the news of the expiring partnership, so how could your grandma possibly not know? She surely wants this contract." All of the Bao Group's full-time employees were able to enjoy excellent medical welfare, whereby they and their immediate family would be able to claim a reimbursement of 90 and 30%, respectively, of their medical fees as long as they visited the company's partner hospital when they were sick.

There were tens of thousands of employees across Yun Cheng. It was such a huge figure, especially if one included the employees' family members. Hence, it was a partnership that every hospital wished to compete for.

"Not only is Grandma hankering after it, but she also wants you to be there in person to sign the contract with her," answered Mu Huan, her voice carrying imperceptible hints of taunts.

"She's trying to make public the news of the marriage between the two families."

"Yes."

"Go back and tell your grandma: Due to reasons regarding the operation of the Bao Group, the publicizing of the news of our marriage will have to wait until my father is in a better health condition to return to the country and officiate our wedding."

The conglomerate might have long been handed over to Bao Junyan, but his father remained to be the one in power to the outside world. News of the latter being in such poor health that he was unable to officiate his son's wedding would negatively affect the company's share prices, and it was why his family did not release the news of his marriage.

The woman stared pensively at her husband for a while. "Why?" she could not resist asking, despite knowing she should not ask this question.

"Pardon?"

"Why do you still want to give my grandma all that she wants despite being clearly aware that she wants me to ask you for them?"

"It was for all these benefits that your family made you attend my matchmaking session and marry me, and my marrying you is a silent acquiescence to that." The two did not wed out of love. Rather, their marriage was a union of interests.

"..."

*He's not wrong about that at all. It's very much indeed so, but why do I feel terrible hearing such words from him?*

*Furthermore, I've admitted it myself that I married him for the benefits.*

"The thing is, your grandma has treated you badly and your dad hasn't done his duties as a father. They're not worthy of you being filial to them. Let them manage the household on your behalf for now; I'll give the entire Mu household as your graduation gift once you've graduated from college." Bao Junyan extended a hand to stroke his wife on the head. Once she graduated and had the capability, she would then be able to run the household.

Previously, when Bai Xuexian drugged his wife, he had asked her about her father's and grandma's involvement in the matter. From her answer, she seemed to be very afraid that he would deal with the two. This made him realize that even though she was not foolishly filial, she was still very much concerned about them.

Never mind that she was unable to refuse her grandma's request — all these would ultimately belong to her in the end.

His reply, once again, made Mu Huan look up in astonishment.

The man chuckled at the sight of her astonished look. "Why are you so surprised? You're the rightful future owner of the household in the first place. No one else is qualified, nor can they snatch away what belongs to you."

She should be the Mu family's sole heir but, with the appearance of her stepmother, she got reduced to being a pitiful wretch and kicked out of the household without a penny.

He wanted to see just who was capable enough to steal what belonged to his wife!

"..."

Back then, when she was the only child of her family, her mother would often tell her that everything of the Mu household and of her granny's household belonged to her, so she had to study hard in order to support the weight of two households. Mu Huan did as told and slogged her guts out in her studies with the goal of developing the Mu family's hospital and expanding the Song family's pharmaceutical business in mind. However, not only did she later lose her mother, but her grandma, her father, and even her granny's household were also no longer hers, let alone the Mu household.

She had long forgotten clean that all of these belonged to her in the first place!

### **Chapter 130: All Businessmen Are Crafty (2)**

"So, there's no need for you to feel awkward if your grandma wants you to get something from me again. All of these will eventually belong to you, anyway. Just don't go agreeing to her demands so easily. Make her beg you for them since she's so biased against you," advised the man in an attempt to lead his wife astray. Although he liked this obedient side of her, she must not be too obedient toward others.

"..."

*No wonder people often say that businessmen are crafty! It's truly so!*

*Grandma wants to make use of the Baos for the benefit of the Mus, but Bao Junyan is actually eyeing the entire Mu household! She would surely cough up blood if she found out that he only saw her as a passerby God of wealth!*

Mu Huan suddenly grabbed hold of her husband's arm at the thought of something. "Hubby, you have to get the Mu household in your hands regardless of whatever happens in the future!"

*Like that, no matter what Grandma wants from him, it'll eventually reach his hands again. I won't be owing him anything, then!*

"Mm. I'll get it for you." Devouring the Mu household was a piece of cake to the man.

"You're the best, Hubby!" She happily embraced him and pecked at his cheeks several times.

As though she had abruptly opened a door to a new world, the burdensome weight on her shoulders had suddenly vanished, leaving only wondrous moments behind.

Since her mother's passing, never had she ever been as happy and relaxed as she was at this moment.

Without needing to worry about her grandma's coercion or her granny's life being in danger at the other old lady's hands anymore, she felt that life was simply so beautiful and brilliant that she wanted to cheer out loud!

*How good it feels to be alive! Only by being alive can such a miracle happen!*

Her messy kissing on his face was akin to the behavior of a little pup, which made him greatly dissatisfied.

As the man locked the back of her head with his hand, he claimed her ruddy lips fiercely, using his actions to tell her what it meant to be kissing.

She, with the innocence of a girl and the charm of a woman, was akin to a seductive and alluring vixen.

And that night lasted for a long, long time...

Time flew, and soon, it was time for Mu Huan to start school. Bao Junyan, who intended to send her to school, had to go abroad at the last minute due to issues regarding the company's overseas branch.

She felt that it was really tough on her husband. He would return home only late at night after spending most of his day busy at work, and going on overseas business trips was nothing unusual to him.

"Every job comes with its own pressure and toil, indeed." Mu Huan could not help sighing as she spoke of the man's hard work to Li Meng.

"I'd better not become a rich person who needs to slog so hard then — just being a moderately rich person will do. That would allow me to sleep and work as I desire every day, and when I don't feel like working, I can go out and abandon myself to a life of pleasure." The latter preferred a slightly idle life, whereby she need not toil so hard in her short life.

"For the life that you dream of, being moderately rich isn't enough for you! Even if you don't become as rich as Bao Junyan, you'll still have to be filthy rich in order to achieve freedom in life. You'd better start putting in more effort, babe!" She slung her arm around her bestie's shoulders.

"Nah, I can just depend on you! The reason I chose the same profession as you is so that I can work in the same line as you and become your subordinate when you become successful in the future. Given our friendship, you'll surely turn a blind eye to me. Like that, I can lead my dream life while being just moderately rich," replied Li Meng with a laugh as she hugged the other.

"Look at your pathetic self!"

"Woah! Hurry, look!" shouted her friend out of the blue with a look of amazement.