

Fake Marriage 341

Chapter 341: Tactics of a Pure and Innocent Girl (1)

He couldn't even complete such a small matter well!

"You're not stupid. You did it as you thought the surveillance cameras were spoiled!" Mu Huan sneered.

"Why would I think that the surveillance cameras are spoiled when they are working well?" Huo Yuqi was unwilling to admit anything and was challenging her!

"It's because you had sent someone to spoil it before you took action!" Mu Huan didn't expect that under such circumstances, Huo Yuqi would still be trying to talk her way out of it.

"If I had really sent someone to spoil it, why would it still be working now?"

"It's because the surveillance cameras in the class are connected to my phone. I was immediately notified after it became faulty and I fixed it!"

Huo Yuqi: "...!!!"

Why did she connect the surveillance cameras in the class to her phone? Unless she had predicted that she would mess with her like this?

Besides that, when did she fix it without anyone knowing?!

Long Feiting: "..."

He knew that Mu Huan was smart, but he didn't expect that she could be so meticulous as to prepare like this beforehand!

She always made others admire her.

Just when he wanted to step up to settle the matter and not cause things to blow up so much that both parties get hurt, he suddenly recalled that Bo Junyan should be the one resolving it! On one side was his cousin that his whole family loved, and on the other was his wife. How would Bo Junyan resolve this matter? As he thought of that, he suddenly looked forward to seeing how Bo Junyan would deal with this.

Right at that moment, Mu Huan turned the screen off and looked at the students in the class.

"Yes, Xiao Meng's father is a recidivist thief, but just because she has such a father, does that mean that she would be like him too? I believe that all of you do not have perfectly good parents either. For example, my father is someone who only knows how to drink, play, and gamble, but does it mean that we would become what kind of person our parents are? Is it our choice to have such parents? As humans, we can choose the life we want to lead, but we are unable to choose our own parents!

"I know that in recent years, the idea of the original family with blood ties had been crazily spreading around, but there's nothing absolute in this world. It doesn't mean that ordinary parents aren't able to give birth to a gifted child or that gifted parents would definitely give birth to a gifted child. As Xiao Meng has had such a father since birth, what she hates most are thieves! She has never taken another glance at the belongings of others ever since she was young!

“The reason her father was caught was that she had place righteousness before family and provided the evidence. I had found a lawyer for the girl’s family and got him punished with the heaviest sentence. Xiao Meng was the person who wanted her father to get punishment more than anyone else as she was the one who had suffered the most in all these years! Thus, I really hope that all of you wouldn’t gossip and pass on rumors about her anymore. If I find out that anyone is doing so, I will not let him go!”

If anyone dared to pass around rumors about her Xiao Meng, she would return the favor with ten times the impact and let him suffer the bitterness of being gossiped about.

Li Meng looked at Mu Huan and her eyes reddened.

On her whole journey, only Mu Huan had stood by her side to protect her and love her. She would do anything for Mu Huan’s sake.

Huo Yuqi looked at Mu Huan who was standing on the stage and ineffably felt that the way she was protecting her friend was kind of cool.

“Are you thinking that she’s actually a decent person?” Long Feiting looked at her.

Huo Yuqi returned to her senses and rolled her eyes at him as she said, “Crazy!”

Why would she think that Mu Huan was someone decent?! She’s the love enemy of Sister Ling Wei. Thus, she’s her enemy too! No matter what, she would help Sister Ling Wei to get rid of her!

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Long Feiting knew at once what she was thinking when he saw the change in her expression. “Not that I want to put you down, but with your pathetic IQ, my advice to you is to stop bothering her from now on! When Ling Wei returns and she still wants to be with your cousin, she will deal with it herself. A Bronze-ranked player like yourself should stop worrying about a Diamond-ranked player like her!”

“How can I allow that?! I can’t let my Sister Ling Wei, a lofty goddess, do this herself!”

Such small matters should be left to her.

Long Feiting grimaced and said, “It has been so many years — why are you still such a moronic die-hard fan?”

“You’re the moron!” Huo Yuqi glared at him.

“Fine. I’m not going to argue with a moronic fan like you. I wish you luck! For her friend, I think Mu Huan is someone who’d get to the bottom of this matter!”

“Is there any use in getting to the bottom of things? Not to mention, the court will not bother with such a trivial civil case. She has to be able to hire a lawyer to sue me for a start!” Huo Yuqi snorted icily.

Did Mu Huan think that she, Huo Yuqi, was a common folk?

“She might not be able to find one, but don’t you think your cousin can?”

Huo Yuqi retorted at once, “My cousin wouldn’t help that woman to sue me!”

“Oh, he won’t?” Long Feiting raised an eyebrow.

Huo Yuqi was reminded of the times that Bao Junyan had protected Mu Huan and made her apologize to the girl. Suddenly, she wasn't that sure.

At the Bao residence that night.

The moment Bao Junyan stepped in, he could sense that the atmosphere was obviously out of the norm. He looked at Mu Huan and Huo Yuqi, who were both sitting on the sofa, and asked, "What's the matter?"

It was late and both of them had not gone to bed. Instead, they were here, shrouded in this sort of atmosphere and waiting for him to come home. Surely it spelled trouble.

"Hubby, I want to sue your cousin Huo Yuqi!" Mu Huan felt that she had to give Bao Junyan a heads up on this.

"What happened?"

"She..." Mu Huan started.

Huo Yuqi, who was sitting opposite her, now started to weep. "I'm sorry, Sister-in-law, I know I was in the wrong! Please, will you forgive me this time?"

Mu Huan: "..."

Just now, she was so smug, and all of a sudden she had changed!

Do obstinate and arrogant daughters of wealthy families resort to acting like pure and innocent victims too?

What the f*ck!

Without waiting for Mu Huan to speak further, Huo Yuqi sobbed as she looked toward Bao Junyan, saying, "Cousin, what happened was this. I..."

She told him the whole story of how she had disliked Mu Huan and hence schemed to frame her good friend Li Meng by accusing the girl of stealing her diamond necklace.

"And now, Sister-in-law wants to take me to court and sue me for defamation. I know I shouldn't have done that, I was in the wrong. I'm willing to apologize and compensate Sister-in-law's friend. I beg of you, Cousin, please don't let Sister-in-law sue me!" Huo Yuqi grabbed Bao Junyan's shirt and lifted her head to look at him with a pitiful expression.

Mu Huan: "...!!!"

Bao Junyan creased his brow and said, "Huo Yuqi, who taught you to do this?"

Pretending to be obedient and pitiful in front of him!

"What?"

"Do you sincerely admit your mistake and sincerely want to apologize and compensate?" Bao Junyan said sternly, shaking off her hand.

He had already told her not to cause trouble, and she had totally ignored it!

And now, she had the audacity to cry and act pitiful!

“Of course I’m sincere, I don’t wish to make you angry, Cousin!” When she felt that there was a possibility that her cousin might just let Mu Huan go ahead and sue her, Huo Yuqi had quickly given her brother a call. Her brother had advised her that when her cousin came home, she should admit her mistake and cry pitifully. If not, he may very well ask her to leave.

If she infuriated her cousin and got asked to leave, she’d end up being a laughingstock. Hence, she should be ready to cry and apologize!

She would do anything to be able to stay until her Sister Ling Wei returned!

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“If you don’t wish to make me angry, you shouldn’t have done such a thing!” Bao Junyan was even more stern now.

“I’m still young and sometimes I can be rash,” Huo Yuqi said, acting like a spoiled child.

“Your sister-in-law is the same age as you, but I’ve never seen her stirring trouble like you do!”

“I will follow her good example from now on!” Huo Yuqi wasn’t a complete fool. Apart from her moronic idolization of Ling Wei, she was rather bright and sharp when it came to other things.

Given the situation, she was behaving so well, so what could he do!

Bao Junyan was about to speak again when his cell phone rang. It was Huo Yuqi’s mother calling on video.

He gave Huo Yuqi an icy glare and picked up the call.

“Junyan, I heard that Yuqi has stirred some trouble.”

“Uh-huh.”

“Pass the phone to your wife.”

“What’s the matter?”

“What else? Of course I want to have a look at my nephew’s wife, as well as apologize on Yuqi’s behalf! See how you are protective over even this matter. Do you think I’d chew her up over the screen or something?” As she said all that, Meng Yueying feigned anger.

Bao Junyan held the phone out to Mu Huan and said, “Second Aunt, Yuqi’s mother.”

Mu Huan: “...”

Mu Huan took the phone and on the screen saw a classy and beautiful middle-aged lady.

When the beautiful middle-aged lady saw her, she immediately smiled.

As the saying goes, one never slaps a smiling face — and even more so if it’s a senior.

Mu Huan smiled politely in reflex.

“What a pretty young lady. No wonder Junyan dotes on you,” Meng Yueying praised with a smile.

Mu Huan didn’t know what to say so she only smiled politely.

“May I call you Xiao Huan?”

“Of course.”

“Xiao Huan, Second Aunt and Uncle are presently overseas. We’ve spoken to your mom and told her that we will go back to attend your wedding.”

“Okay.”

“Yuqi called me earlier. She said she did something very wrong at school. She said that in a moment of folly, she hurt your friend.”

Mu Huan kept silent.

“In our family, Yuqi is the only girl and she has been spoiled from birth. Whatever wrong she’s done, it boils down to my fault that as her mother, I’ve failed to educate her. Of course, she’s done something wrong and she needs to be punished. Tomorrow, we’ll get her to apologize to your friend, then you decide how you want the harm that your friend has suffered to be compensated and we’ll just do that. Is that alright?”

As a senior, Meng Yueying did not try to make excuses for her daughter’s shortcomings. She had proactively offered that Huo Yuqi would go and apologize and had even asked Mu Huan to decide how they should compensate Li Meng.

What else could Mu Huan say?

If at this point she still insisted on suing Huo Yuqi, then it could eventuate that the girl would not only not apologize, she could also hold a grudge that could prove to be fatal in the end.

Furthermore, even if she insisted on taking this matter to court, she knew that, at best, such trivial civil suits would just end up with slapping a fine. And what was a fine to people like her who had nothing but money?

Might as well get Huo Yuqi to apologize.

Alas...

She thought about the harm that had been inflicted on Xiao Meng and how it was going to be so easily resolved with a word of apology — and very obviously, it was a case of Huo Yuqi going to Xiao Meng personally to offer a private apology. She was indignant.

At this point...

Bao Junyan said, “Well, then, when Yuqi goes to class tomorrow, she will apologize to Xiao Huan’s friend in front of the class and ask the girl for forgiveness.”

Meng Yueying: “...!”

Huo Yuqi: "...!"

Their intention was to offer Li Meng an apology in private.

And he had decided it should be a public apology!

Chapter 344: Are You Good Enough?

"If you're not up to it, then forget about the apology. I'll get someone to send you back to England," Bao Junyan said as he looked toward Huo Yuqi.

"I can do it, I know I was in the wrong! I will make a public apology!" Huo Yuqi suddenly felt the indignity of having to make a public apology, given her own status. However, she knew that her cousin was a person who meant what he said, and he would not hesitate to send her back to England right away!

It was difficult enough to have convinced her mother to allow her to return and to stay at her cousin's. It not only meant that she would be able to see Long Feilei often, but she could also be of help to her Sister Ling Wei. If she got sent away, all her past efforts would have gone to waste!

It was just a word of apology, no big deal!

Seeing that she was obedient, Bao Junyan's expression softened and he said, "From now on, be obedient, and don't create trouble for your sister-in-law."

"I understand." Huo Yuqi lowered her head, her expression indignant.

Noting that her normally obstinate daughter had accepted the punishment, Meng Yueying did not speak further. But through this episode, she realized that perhaps Bao Junyan cared about his little wife more than her father thought.

It looked like she had to give Ling Wei a helping hand too. Otherwise, the situation could turn out dire.

Although Huo Li had tried to hide it from his mother that he had been beaten up by Bao Junyan, Meng Yueying somehow had come to know about it. Firstly, her son had been beaten up because of Mu Huan, and now, her daughter had to make a public apology because of Mu Huan, again. Hence, even though the girl looked alright, Meng Yueying could not bring herself to like her.

On top of this, Ling Wei was the daughter of her close friend and she had watched the girl grow up through the years. So, naturally, she was inclined toward Ling Wei and was all for the girl to get together with Bao Junyan.

After Meng Yueying hung up the video call with Bao Junyan, she dialed Ling Wei's number.

At this point, because Bao Junyan had some important work matter to attend to, he said a few more words to the two of them and then headed up to the study.

As soon as he had gone upstairs, Huo Yuqi immediately went back to her arrogant and contemptuous attitude.

Mu Huan glanced at her and, without another word, got onto her feet and started to walk away.

“Mu Huan, don’t you be too smug. One day, you’ll regret provoking me!” Huo Yuqi had stepped into her path to stop her as she said that.

“I am not being smug and had never intended to provoke you. You are Bao Junyan’s cousin. He dotes on you, and I wish to do that too and treat you like family.” It was the girl who disliked her and kept stirring trouble!

“Treat me like family? With your background, do you think you’re good enough?!” Huo Yuqi said disdainfully.

Mu Huan grimaced slightly, feeling that it was really useless being nice to her. “Alright, I’m not good enough. I’m leaving now and won’t stick around to be an eyesore to you, okay?”

Then she walked around Huo Yuqi to head upstairs.

After taking a few steps, she thought of something and halted. She turned around and looked toward Huo Yuqi, saying, “If you wish to stir trouble again, come at me, but don’t you dare touch my friends again! Take what happened today, when you accused me of stealing from you. I hope you understand why I had refrained from obtaining security footage, much less demanded a public apology?”

Mu Huan wanted Huo Yuqi to know that even though the girl had made these attacks, she had tolerated her and spared her from the embarrassment because she was Bao Junyan’s cousin. However, if she attacked her friends, then she was not going to put up with it one bit!

“If I attack you directly, my cousin is not going to tolerate it! Last time, my brother had only asked that whatever professor to include your name on the list and he had been beaten up so badly!” Huo Yuqi understood what Mu Huan meant, and wouldn’t she have preferred to attack Mu Huan directly too? But she’d have to have the guts to do it!

Chapter 345: What Were You Doing at the Time?

Mu Huan was stunned. The person who had made Professor Wang include her name on the victims’ list was Huo Yuqi’s brother?

And Bao Junyan had beaten him up badly?

Immediately, Huo Yuqi regretted having said this. It would make Mu Huan feel that her cousin cared so much about her and that would make the girl even more arrogant!

Hence, she quickly corrected herself, “My cousin is purely being protective. It’s not like he did it because he really likes you!”

Mu Huan saw through that at once and smiled without saying anything.

That both embarrassed and angered Huo Yuqi though, and she said, “Anyway, the person that my cousin loves is Sister Ling Wei! If you don’t want a troublesome future and miserable days, it’s best that you leave my cousin immediately! Don’t stay where you don’t belong!”

“What sort of person do you think your cousin is?” Mu Huan suddenly asked.

Caught by surprise, Huo Yuqi replied, “Why do you ask that?”

“I am curious if, from your perspective, your cousin is a foolish person.”

“What are you talking about?! Why would I feel that my cousin is foolish?! He is the smartest person in the world! No one is smarter than or better than he is!” Huo Yuqi idolized Bao Junyan too. Hence, she felt that the only person good enough for Bao Junyan had to be her other idol, Ling Wei.

From a young age, she had idolized the couple and felt that they were a match made in heaven. Because of them, she believed that there was a love more perfect than what they wrote about in storybooks. They were more perfect than all the other perfect things in the world added up!

“Since you don’t think that your cousin is foolish, then why do you think that the person he loves most is Ling Wei? If your cousin really loves Ling Wei like you think he does, would he have abandoned her and just married someone that he doesn’t love, all because they had a disagreement and because the girl he loves had gone to help the sick and needy?” Mu Huan asked with a raised eyebrow.

Although she didn’t know what Bao Junyan was like before, she felt that he wouldn’t have been too different from now. Being the strong-willed and intelligent person that he was, would he have given up on Ling Wei just because of this, if he had really loved the girl?

There were two possibilities why he had given up on Ling Wei. One, he had never really loved her so he didn’t feel it was a great loss; or two, they didn’t break up over a simple reason like that.

She hoped it was for the first reason that they had broken up.

Huo Yuqi was stunned by her words. After a while, she said, “My cousin loves Sister Ling Wei the most! Because he loves her so much, he was devastated when she rejected his proposal. His male ego and dignity couldn’t accept it, and that was why he gave up. All these years, although my cousin did not say it, we know that he had been waiting for Sister Ling Wei. I believe when Sister Ling Wei returns and apologizes to Cousin, they will get back together again!”

“If your cousin had been waiting for Ling Wei, he wouldn’t have married me.” Mu Huan felt that if Bao Junyan really loved Ling Wei and was waiting for her to return, he wouldn’t have agreed to blind dating and getting married.

He was a person who knew what he wanted and was a ruthless go-getter. There was no way he would be passive and waiting.

“He married you because my uncle is in bad health. He’s afraid that he’ll never see a grandchild. That was why he kept pressing my aunt to force my cousin to go on blind dates!”

On this note, Mu Huan was curious and asked, “Since your uncle and aunt wanted your cousin to get married because of your uncle’s ill health, then why didn’t all of you contact Ling Wei at the time and ask her to come back and marry Bao Junyan? Why did you wait until he had gotten married and are now demanding that I give up my place?”

Chapter 346: The Husband Is Hers

Since they felt that Bao Junyan and Ling Wei were such a perfect couple and that they loved each other so deeply, why did they watch on and do nothing when Bao Junyan married her?

What had they been doing about it before she married Bao Junyan?

Now that they were married, they were telling her not to occupy a place that shouldn't have belonged to her. What did they mean shouldn't have belonged? This was her place!

"Sister Ling Wei was injured at the time and wasn't able to come back."

"If she was injured and couldn't come back, she could have used a video chat or something. There were hundreds of ways to get in touch with Bao Junyan to ask him to wait for her! Was this even a reason?" Please don't make her laugh out loud!

Huo Yuqi was questioned to the point of speechlessness. She angrily said, "How would I know?!"

Her cousin and Sister Ling Wei were like gods in the heavens! Why would they tell her what was going on between them?!

"Since you don't know, then how would you know that when Ling Wei comes back, she'd get back together with your cousin for sure? What if she still doesn't wish to be with your cousin and she's only back to visit her family? Wouldn't you be doing all these things for nothing, then?" Mu Huan raised an eyebrow.

"That's not possible! I'm sure Sister Ling Wei is coming back to be with my cousin!"

"What makes you so sure?"

"Because for the sake of my cousin, Sister Ling Wei is giving up..." At this point, Huo Yuqi suddenly halted. Then she continued, "Anyway, Sister Ling Wei is coming back because of my cousin! You'd better have some discernment!"

Feeling that there was nothing more she could get out of Huo Yuqi, Mu Huan ended the meaningless conversation and turned to go back upstairs.

"Mu Huan, you are really inferior to my Sister Ling Wei in every way. I hope you will choose to go of your own volition. Don't make me do nasty things!" Huo Yuqi had not thought of how to deal with Mu Huan next, but she hoped to cower her into retreating.

"Oh," Mu Huan said nonchalantly as she continued her way upstairs.

She did not know what discernment she needed. She only knew that the husband was hers! If anyone wanted to steal him, let them come if they were capable; and if they weren't, then they should shut up!

Huo Yuqi stamped her foot when she saw that Mu Huan couldn't even be bothered to take another look at her. This woman was so arrogant only because her cousin doted on her!

Just she wait and see!

By the time Bao Junyan had finished his work and returned to the bedroom, Mu Huan was at the desk, looking through the data from today's experiment.

When she heard him entering, she immediately put aside the datasheet. She got up and walked toward him. Then she opened her arms wide and threw them around him!

Bao Junyan's face broke into a slight smile to have received such an enthusiastic welcome. It put him in a good mood.

Mu Huan lifted her gaze to look at him. “Hubby, thank you!”

No matter whom she was up against, he was always on her side!

Bao Junyan smiled and lowered his head to kiss her. “Are you done being busy?”

“There’s an experiment data point that I don’t quite understand.” Mu Huan had been looking at a row of entries that didn’t seem quite right, but she couldn’t figure out where the problem was.

“Let me have a look.”

She quickly showed it to him. “Right here.”

Bao Junyan studied the data and said, “Indeed, there shouldn’t be such data showing up. Could there have been an error when you were carrying out the experiment?”

Mu Huan tried to recall. “I’ve strictly followed the steps in the right sequence.”

Bao Junyan said, “I’ll do this part of the experiment with you tomorrow.”

“Okay.” Mu Huan nodded at once.

It’s so great having a god-like husband! He was good at everything — whether in daily practicalities or in academic matters, he excelled at everything!

The next day, at Yun University.

Bao Junyan had a morning class. Hence, he had asked Huo Yuqi to make her apology to Li Meng before his lesson started.

Chapter 347: You Will Have to Shoulder All the Blame

Under the watchful eyes of Bao Junyan, Huo Yuqi knew that she wouldn’t be able to avoid the apology. Hence, she gritted her teeth and lowered her head as she went up to the lecturing platform. She said loudly, “I’m sorry, fellow student Li Meng! My behavior yesterday was atrocious! Please forgive me for treating you that way!”

Li Meng didn’t want to put Mu Huan in a difficult position such that she’d have a miserable life in the Bao family later on. Hence, she quickly accepted the apology.

Seeing that Li Meng was so sensible, Huo Yuqi decided that she wasn’t going to create further trouble for the girl.

She went back to her seat after making the apology.

Long Feiting was gleeful over her plight and said, “I told you not to stir trouble with her and you wouldn’t listen. Now do you regret it?!”

Bao Junyan was indeed good to his little wife, even his cousin lost out.

“What’s there to regret? It’s only a word of apology!” Huo Yuqi snorted coldly.

“Fine, you win! From now on, do whatever you want!” Long Feiting looked as though he couldn’t be bothered since she was so capable she could do as she pleased.

Huo Yuqi glared at him angrily and said, "It's already so embarrassing for me and you're rubbing salt into my wound! Are you still my good neighbor and partner?!"

He shot back immediately, "I'm not, indeed!"

Huo Yuqi: "...!!!"

After she had fumed for a while...

She looked at Bao Junyan, who was standing on the lecturing platform. She couldn't help but burst out, "Do you think there's something terribly wrong with my cousin? He's so busy that in the past, when we had questions about our homework, he never had the time to help us, but now, he's come here to teach!"

"There's indeed something wrong with him!" Long Feiting felt the same way. He'd lived such an immortal-like existence, but he came there to teach. Seriously...!

"And he dotes on that Mu Huan too much. To think that he made me apologize publicly because of her! I'm the cousin that he pampers the most!"

"How could a cousin be as close as a wife? In his old age, he's married such a young wife. Naturally, he would dote on her excessively." Long Feiting sounded oddly jealous.

"What do you mean old age?! My cousin's only 30!" Although Huo Yuqi was angry with Bao Junyan, she wouldn't allow anyone to say anything bad about him.

"He's 10 years older than Mu Huan!"

"So what if he's 10 years older?!"

"Nothing." Long Feiting did not wish to argue with her. He slumped over his desk lazily.

"I don't want to go back and see Mu Huan tonight. I want to stay at your place!"

"You want to stay at my place because you know that my brother is coming to visit me today, right?" Long Feiting snorted.

"I don't know what you're talking about!"

"How much did you spend bribing my brother's secretary so that she'd tell you about my brother's every move?"

"I have no idea what you're talking about!" Huo Yuqi repeated.

"Fine, as you wish."

"Xiao Huan, didn't I say I didn't need an apology from her? What if she hates you even more now that you've made her apologize in front of everyone?" Li Meng was worried that Huo Yuqi would stir more trouble for Mu Huan now that she hated her even more

“Furthermore, looking at how arrogant and willful she is, you can tell she’s pampered at home. For sure, she’d lament to her family about how you’ve made her apologize. Her mother is your mother-in-law’s own sister. What if over this matter, she influences your mother-in-law into not liking you?”

If Xiao Huan had planned to leave eventually, then there was really no need to care about all that mother-in-law and aunt-in-law business, but now, she was hoping to be with Bao Junyan for the long haul, so she had to care about these things.

After all, these were the people closest to Bao Junyan, and if they didn’t like Xiao Huan, it would be hard to have a happy marriage.

“You don’t have to worry about all these things. Haven’t I already told you, it was Bao Junyan who asked her to apologize,” Mu Huan said to reassure her.

“But Bao Junyan did that because of you! Hence, you will have to shoulder all the blame!”

Chapter 348: A Clear Conscience

“So you feel that I shouldn’t let Huo Yuqi make a public apology? That way, she’ll like me and stop creating trouble for me?” Mu Huan asked this question instead, seeing that she wasn’t able to convince the girl.

Li Meng: “...”

“When a person doesn’t like you, she’ll find fault with you no matter what you do. Hence, I might as well do what gives me a sense of satisfaction!”

“But...”

“There’s no but.”

Frustrated, Li Meng continued, “Xiao Huan, don’t you know why a marriage requires blessings from both sides of the family? Because a marriage is not a temporary matter — it makes up the days of our lives. If, in that time, your in-laws didn’t like you, they wouldn’t have to make life difficult for you in a big way. They would only need to ensure minor inconveniences for you, and over time, life would become tough.”

Li Meng didn’t wish to be the cause of an unhappy marriage for Mu Huan.

“Don’t overthink it, you’re worrying before it even happens! Besides, do you think that as a child, I misbehaved or was disobedient, was lazy in school, not outstanding enough, and not good at pleasing my grandma? Nevertheless, she didn’t like me, no matter what I did. Hence, when someone doesn’t like you, there’s no point in being unfair to yourself and appeasing the other party. You do everything with a clear conscience and the rest is up to them.

“And don’t go thinking it’s your fault. This happened to you because of me; Huo Yuqi created trouble for you because of me. Even without you, she’d still come looking for trouble. This really has got nothing to do with you!”

Li Meng: “...”

Some time later...

“What if Bo Junyan gradually grows cold toward you because his family doesn’t like you?”

She was about to reply when...

“Student Mu Huan!”

Having been singled out, Mu Huan quickly sat up straight and looked toward the lecturing platform with a sheepish smile.

Seeing that she was now paying attention, Bo Junyan didn’t pursue the matter.

Li Meng too did not dare to continue her conversation with Mu Huan.

After class, Mu Huan reminded her again not to overthink things, then headed off to the experiment laboratory with Bo Junyan.

It was afternoon by the time she returned.

“Bad news, Xiao Huan!” Li Meng had been waiting at the door for Mu Huan’s return. She hurriedly took Mu Huan’s hand and pulled her to a quiet corner.

“What’s the matter?”

“Something’s happened to Xingye while he’s in T Country!”

“What happened? Why is he even in T Country?”

“He took up a tour guiding job to T Country. In the morning, a customer called the headquarters to file a complaint that he had gone out last night and hadn’t returned to the hotel this morning. The customer felt that he had been stood up and demanded compensation. You know Xingye had always worked hard for the money he needed, he couldn’t have disappeared for no reason, unless something had happened to him!”

Mu Huan’s expression deepened and she instantly reached for her cell phone. She clicked into the Know-All Agency internal chat group and sent an urgent message, asking if anyone was in T Country that could help to search for Wu Xingye.

Very shortly afterward, someone in T Country responded and said he had run into Wu Xingye last night. They had a few drinks, and after that, Wu Xingye said he wanted to visit an entertainment club. At that point, they went their separate ways.

Immediately, Mu Huan tasked the caller to return to the entertainment club for an investigation.

Even though she was an internal staff with the Know-All Agency, they had to pay a fee for tasking each other. Mu Huan was generous with her fee offering, and hence, once the person received the job, he immediately headed back to the entertainment club to investigate.

An hour later, he replied to Mu Huan and informed her that Wu Xingye had gone missing after winning a lot of money last night. Later on, he added that it seemed guests who had won big sums of money at this place would often end up going missing.

When Mu Huan saw this message, she immediately understood and said, "Would you take on a rescue mission? Money is not an issue..."

Chapter 349: Looking for an Excuse

Mu Huan knew that some places wouldn't allow any one person to get away with a big haul. Once a person had been identified to be such, they would be detained by the ground staff. If they were lucky, they'd be made to return most of their winnings; if they weren't, there'd be trouble!

"The big boss of this organization is quite powerful and it's not clear where they detain these people. I'd love to earn some cash, but I don't think I'm up for this," the person said regretfully.

"In that case, please, could you find out more about the current situation?" Mu Huan transferred another sum of money to him.

"I'll try my very best," he said and hung up.

"This death-deserving Wu Xingye. I had already told him before he left not to go to that sort of place, but he went anyway!" Whatever Mu Huan thought, Li Meng had thought of the same thing. They were quite sure that Wu Xingye had gone there to make some money, and he probably made too much such that the people plotted against him.

Wu Xingye's grandfather was at one time the Gambling King, and Wu Xingye himself had some talent in this area. However, gambling was a vice. Hence, his grandfather had given an order that he was not to use this sort of skill to earn his living. For this reason, even though life was tough, he never had the thought of being a gambler.

Mu Huan frowned and said, "He had always practiced self-restraint and had never used this set of skills to earn money. So why did he go to a place like this with his client? Furthermore, what was this about you telling him not to go to these places prior to his trip? Do you mean you knew he would visit these places?"

"Xingye's younger brother ran someone over with his bike, and now the person is asking for over 600 thousand as compensation or they'd press charges. On the other hand, his father was finally at a stage when he could go for surgery. The surgery fees cost an estimated 300 thousand. All that comes up to be just under a million.

"Before he left, he made the remark that he wished there was an easier way to earn a living. With the knowledge that T Country is famous as a venue for gambling, I was afraid that he'd be tempted so I had warned him not to go — there are other ways to resolve his issues. He promised me that he wouldn't go, but he did after all!" Li Meng said angrily.

"Why didn't you tell me about all these things he was going through at home?" Mu Huan's frown deepened.

"Xingye wouldn't let me mention it. He knew you weren't having an easy time either."

"But things are different for me now! Even though I'm still working hard to earn a living, that money is for setting aside. In times of an emergency, I have a wealthy husband, so why shouldn't we use his help?" Mu Huan slapped the girl lightly on her head.

What were they thinking, keeping things like that from her?!

“I told him that as well, but he wouldn’t let me tell you, so what could I do?!” Li Meng was most indignant.

“If anything like this should happen again in the future, you have to tell me in the first instance!” They’d be the death of her!

“Uh-huh.”

Just when Mu Huan was about to speak again, a message came in on her cell phone. After she had read the message, her expression darkened.

Sensing that change in her mood, Li Meng moved closer to Mu Huan and peered into the screen. Instantly, her expression changed!

She said anxiously, “Xiao Huan, what do we do now?!”

“Are you guys going to keep things from me again in the future?” Mu Huan really hoped that after this episode, they would have learned their lesson and tell her such things without delay!

This was to prevent things from getting too out of hand.

“No, I won’t! In the future, I will tell you everything... at the first instant! Xiao Huan, please think of a way to solve this!” Li Meng cried anxiously as she clutched Mu Huan’s arm.

Mu Huan was quiet for a few moments before she said, “Now the only thing we can do is for me to find an excuse to make a trip to T Country.

“You don’t have to worry too much about it, Xingye should be fine for now.”

“I will go with you!”

“Okay,” Mu Huan agreed, thinking that she’d probably need to use Li Meng as an excuse.

As Li Meng got ready to head back to her hostel to do some packing, something struck her. “How are you going to tell Bo Junyan that you’re making an overseas trip?”

Chapter 350: Take Her Along

“We didn’t manage to really have fun the last time we went to the Imperial Capital. Bo Junyan did say that the next time he goes on a business trip, we can have another fun trip. Coincidentally, he mentioned yesterday that he’d be taking a business trip tomorrow, so it should be fine if I tell him that we’re going to go on a fun trip to T Country. Why don’t you go home and pack? I’ll tell him tonight and we can book the flights.”

“Alright.”

That same night, in the Bo residence study.

Because he had to take time out to teach at the university, Bo Junyan became busier than usual and very often had to work late into the night after coming home.

Mu Huan knocked and entered. His head was lowered as he busied himself with work.

She set the cup of coffee before him and started, "Hubby, I've packed your clothes for the trip."

"Uh-huh." He continued being busy.

Sensing that Mu Huan wasn't going away, he looked up and asked, "Is there something else?"

"Uh-huh." She smiled sheepishly as she reached out to put her arms around him. "Hubby, I've never been overseas. Today, Xiao Meng and I were looking at pictures of T Country and suddenly we felt like making a trip. In the past, such trips were just passing thoughts, but now, there's Hubby and I can do these things! Hence, we decided to take a trip on a whim. Aren't you going on a business trip tomorrow? May I go to T Country with Xiao Meng?"

"You've made plans with her?"

"Yes, yes!"

Bo Junyan thought for a moment and said, "Let's take her, then. You can sightsee with her on the days I'm busy, and after I'm done with work, we'll get someone else to keep her company."

Mu Huan was stunned. "Hubby, what do you mean?"

"T Country is where I'm headed for my business trip."

Mu Huan: "..."

What sort of luck!

"What's the matter?" Bo Junyan looked toward her. She didn't look keen to go on a fun trip with him.

"Nothing!" Mu Huan smiled as she snapped back from her own thoughts.

The man narrowed his eyes, making it obvious that he knew she wasn't telling him something.

The lie was too blatant.

Mu Huan: "..."

Some time later...

She hung her head and said, "Last time, I didn't make good on my word to Xiao Meng that we'd have a fun trip together, and this time around, our plans have come to nothing again. I'm just a little disappointed."

Bo Junyan: "..."

It was like being rejected again.

He fell silent.

Obviously sensing his unhappiness, Mu Huan wriggled into his embrace and put her arms around his neck. She said like a spoiled child, "Hubby, it's not that I don't want to go on a fun trip with you — look,

didn't we have so much fun last time in the Imperial Capital? Only, I've always dreamed of traveling with my closest buddy — it's a dream I hope to fulfill."

The man looked at her without speaking.

"Hubby... Hubby..." Not knowing what else she could say, Mu Huan put on a pitiful expression.

Wu Xingye was now in a dangerous position. The colleague whom she had paid to carry out the investigation had found out that that organization particularly targeted foreign winners, and some of these ended up in a bad state. She was worried that Wu Xingye would end up in a bad state too.

She had to rescue him quickly.

Bo Junyan had always found it impossible to resist her when she threw a little tantrum. He finally said, "I have a busy schedule and won't be in the way of you two having fun. It'll be fine if you just accompany me for dinner in the evenings."

Mu Huan: "..."

There were many operations that couldn't be carried out in the day, and these all had to be done at night. And he wanted her company in the evenings...

"What's the matter? Are you hinting that it's your dream to not only have fun with your good friend in the daytime, you have to spend the nights together too?" His tone was beginning to sound dangerous.

Mu Huan: "..."

Freaking hell!

Did she have any other choice?