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Chapter 1491: Real Lady

To Ning Xueluo, the entertainment industry rumor was not the most troubling one. Compared to going against Ning Xi, she had more important things to be done.

She made Chang Li turn down most of the recent jobs as she wanted to spend more time with Su Yan as well as get on Zheng Minjun's good side.

If people from the Zhuangs had turned up at her wedding, her position as the eldest daughter-in-law of the family would be secured. However, now not only did she have to act lowly in front of them, she had to put up with the witch Zhao Shanshan, listening to her insults.

"Mother, History is going to be invited to Lorraine Fashion Week soon. Here's a first-row ticket for the show. If you're free on that day, come by and have a look."

Zheng Minjun seemed happy when she accepted the ticket. She knew that this ticket could not have come by easy, and it was a first-row seat. "Thanks, Xueluo, that's very nice of you!"

Ning Xueluo beamed. "You're welcome, Mother."

At this moment, Zhao Shanshan came down from the stairs, holding the newspaper in her hands. She purposely walked in front of Su Yan's mother and Ning Xueluo, speaking in a weird tone, "As expected from a daughter from a prestigious family, Mother. Just look at her attitude and her aura... She's done so many kind things without leaving her name..."

"This is how a real lady acts. With the blood of a prestigious family, her nobility lies in the blood! Not like someone else being so small-minded, showing off to the whole world the moment she made some small achievements..."

"You..." Ning Xueluo was so mad that she was shaking.

Zhao Shanshan really had an evil mouth!

She had to do something now. If not, her position in the Su family would always be maintained as passive.

"Okay, Shanshan, stop being like that. Xueluo is your sister-in-law!" Because Zhao Shanshan was the wife of her husband's illegitimate child Su Xun, of course, she would take the side of Su Yan's wife, Ning Xueluo.

Still, Zhao Shanshan's words hit the spot where it hurt the most.

Ning Xueluo's identity still remained one of the biggest thorns she had in her heart.

"I'm just telling the truth. She is a wild fowl from the rural area!" Ever since Zhao Shanshan found out about this nickname that could trigger Ning Xueluo, she had been using it happily.

Suddenly, the maid, who Ning Xueluo had brought over to the Su family after she was married, rushed over. She seemed to be boiling with anger and had been holding it in for some time. "Second Madam, you're really too much! You're bullying her when she just married into this family! She was brought up

by our Madam since young. Not only is she highly educated, she's not small-minded at all. The one who's not presentable is the rural girl Ning Xi. Do you really think she's as nice as she looks? She..."

Ning Xueluo looked pained as she pleaded with an aggrieved expression, "Xiao Ling, stop it!"

"Xueluo, why did you stop her? Let her speak! Xiao Ling, what is it? What did Ning Xi do?" Zheng Minjun quickly demanded.

She already felt that something was odd back then. Why did her son, who had initially insisted on being with Ning Xi, suddenly break up with her?

She thought her son had found out that Ning Xueluo was the better choice and changed his mind, so she had been happy for her son and did not think much about it. Furthermore, Ning Xi had also been sent overseas. Now that she thought about the whole incident, she felt that something was not right...

Xiao Ling was actually acting following Ning Xueluo's glance, and was about to tell what Ning Xueluo wanted her to say after her signal, "Ning Xi..."

At this moment, there was an extremely aloof voice from the entrance. "Shut up."

It was Su Yan.

A scary expression had taken over Su Yan's ever gentle face. Xiao Ling was so scared that she could not say anything and her body trembled.

Chapter 1492: Still Have Feelings For Ning Xi?

Even Ning Xueluo was shocked by Su Yan's reaction. "I'm sorry, Bro Yan. I didn't train her well enough..."

"Go and get your salary for the month, then get out," Su Yan ordered heartlessly.

Xiao Ling was trembling in fear. "Master-in-law, it was wrong of me... I really was wrong to say that... Please don't chase me out..."

"Bro Yan, please forgive her. Xiao Ling has been always by my side. She's been taking care of me for a very long time. She just couldn't help it..." Ning Xueluo then looked at Zhao Shanshan's direction with teary eyes.

"Fine, that's enough! You guys just got married. What a mess you're making! Xiao Ling, you can give us some space now! Shanshan, go back to your room too!" Zheng Minjun snapped.

Zhao Shanshan pouted and left with a dark expression, thinking about how well-practiced Ning Xueluo's pity acting was. No wonder Su Yan was controlled by her!

"Su Yan, why are you so angry? At least listen to what she has to say," Zheng Minjun sighed.

Su Yan frowned. "Mother, you know I'm really against the servants talking about the people they serve. The things she wanted to say were probably about the things Xiao Xi did because she wasn't aware of the social norms at that time. What else could she say?"

Zheng Minjun thought about it. Xiao Ling would not have known much since she was just a servant anyway, so she stopped pressing on the matter.

Then again, when she saw her son being so protective, some thoughts lingered in her mind...

He had come out from her womb after all, and she knew him the best. Could Su Yan still have feelings for that girl?

After a while, in Su Yan and Ning Xueluo's room.

"Bro Yan, are you still angry?" Ning Xueluo carefully walked to the balcony.

"What was Xiao Ling trying to tell Mother just now?" Su Yan leaned on the railing, his expression hidden in the dark and his tone slightly cold.

Ning Xueluo freaked out a little, but she soon calmed down. "What else? Probably just about how Ning Xi made a fool out of herself because of her bad manners..."

Su Yan turned around, glaring intensely at the woman beside him directly into her eyes. His expression was deathly serious. "Xueluo, remember what I told you back then. That incident affected Ning Xi so much. No one can know about it! Including anyone in my family! And it was our fault!"

"Bro Yan, of course I know it'll affect Sister greatly. I'd never tell anyone about it! Bro Yan, do you not trust me? You... Do you think I wanted Xiao Ling to tell Mother about this?" Ning Xueluo had a look of disbelief on her face as if she was almost going to break down.

Su Yan remained silent.

He had managed to stop Xiao Ling just now, so there was no point in finding out what she was trying to say in the first place anymore.

Now, tears flowed down Ning Xueluo's face as she staggered backwards with a sad and pitiful expression. "Bro Yan, in your heart, am I really such a mean person?"

When he saw how distressed the girl was and thought about how much she had gone through in the past two days, Su Yan's heart softened. "I didn't mean that. I'm just reminding you. Stop crying now. I sounded too harsh, I'm sorry."

Ning Xueluo leaned into Su Yan's chest and sobbed, "Bro Yan, I'm sad. I'm really sad... I just wanted to be with you. I just wanted to marry you... Why is everyone saying things like that?"

Chapter 1493: Stay Away From Imperial

"You don't have to care about Zhao Shanshan. We'll accompany Father and Mother for a while before we move out of this old residence to live alone. As for the rumors online, don't look at them anymore. Those who believe you will naturally do so," comforted Su Yan.

Ning Xueluo looked disappointed and uneasy. "Bro Yan, do you also think that my sister is better? I... My family background... I don't match you at all..."

"What're you saying now? If I cared about this, why would I be with you since the start then?" Su Yan frowned as he lightly patted her back. "In a few more days, I'll take you out and drive away your worries. I've already made the bookings for our honeymoon. For now, don't let your imagination run wild."

Ning Xueluo nestled against his embrace and nodded. "Mmm, Bro Yan... I won't think of anything else right now. I just want to quickly bear your children..."

Aggressive as she was, she was ready to let Zheng Minjun know about Ning Xi's scandal from the last time through Xiao Ling. However, unexpectedly Su Yan had seen it. In fact, he had such a huge reaction. What made her even more nervous was Su Yan's attitude towards Ning Xi. She kept having a feeling that it was not just guilt he harbored...

Now that Su Yan was already suspecting her, she could only drop it for now. Wait till she had Su Yan's child and the Su family's eldest grandchild! Zheng Minjun and Su Hongguang would have nothing to say about that!

Whether it was for the Su family or the Ning family, this child was extremely important.

Now, she could not tolerate any more mistakes.

The next day, Ning Xueluo made some time to call the Tang family.

Since the past few years, this was her first time making the initiative to call them.

On the other end of the phone was Sun Lan's tone that sounded unusually emotional as if she was still in disbelief. "Hello...? Xue... Xueluo?"

"It's me."

"Xueluo, why have you called me? Is there anything wrong? I wanted to attend your wedding, but I was afraid that you wouldn't like it, so I didn't go... Have you been well?" Sun Lan asked carefully.

Ning Xueluo went straight to the point. "Send me your account number. Just tell me how much money you want, but it'll be just this once."

Sun Lan immediately rejected with an embarrassed tone, "No need, no need. The matter's been resolved. The people who borrowed our money have already returned it to us! Xueluo, sorry... Back then, the group of people came to our doorstep with knives every day. We were really desperate before I asked Xiao Nuo to go look for you in Imperial... I really didn't intend to trouble you..."

"Okay, I don't have to talk about all of this with you. Since it's resolved, then forget it. I want to know which city did Tang Nuo choose for his first choice of university?" Ning Xueluo asked.

Sun Lan thought that Ning Xueluo was concerned about her brother, so she quickly answered proudly, "Xiao Nuo! Yesterday, Xiao Nuo told me that he was going to put all of his top choices in Imperial! This child... He's been wanting to make it to Imperial since he was young. His results are pretty good, so it shouldn't be much of a problem.

"He hasn't really left the house since he was young, so I'm really worried about him. Wait till he goes to university. I thought about going over to accompany him, but Xiao Nuo said there was no need for me. Sigh, all of these are matters for the future. We'll discuss again then..."

Sun Lan was long-windedly telling her all of this while Ning Xueluo was frowning deeper and deeper on the other end of the phone. "Let Tang Nuo change his first choice. Tell him to choose other cities."

"Ah...?" Sun Lan was stunned when she suddenly heard this. There was silence as if she had not reacted.

"If you really feel any guilt towards me at all, if you really see me as your daughter, let Tang Nuo change his first choice. Stay far away from Imperial!" Ning Xueluo's words were remarkably straightforward and cruel.

Chapter 1494: Taking Away Opportunities

"I... Of course, I see you as my real daughter! But how is this related to which city Xiao Nuo will go to university in?" Sun Lan anxiously questioned.

Ning Xueluo's tone turned even more bitter. "Ning Xi has already leaked out my real identity. Even my in-laws know that I'm not the real daughter of the Ning family and that I'm just the daughter of a rural woman! Do you know how awkward of a situation I'm being placed in? And now Tang Nuo is coming to Imperial. Plus, you're even following him! Don't you think enough people know about this already?"

Sun Lan's heart ached when she heard the line "daughter of a rural woman."

She did not expect her daughter to detest them that much...

Sun Lan's tone trembled slightly, "Xueluo, I understand that it's difficult for you, but this is related to Xiao Nuo's future! I can choose not to go to Imperial, but Xiao Nuo won't be changing his first choice... Xiao Nuo has been looking forward to going to Imperial. If I were to tell him to change now, he wouldn't be able to take it..."

Ning Xueluo laughed coldly, "You just said that you can do anything for me, but you're acting like this the moment your son is involved. This is the extent of your so-called love?"

"Xueluo, no. I... Xueluo, let me think about it... Give me some time, alright? This isn't something I can decide on alone."

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In Spring Breeze Town, Chang Chun City.

Inside a single-story house, Sun Lan was weeping by the table while Tang Shan smoked, squatting on the doorstep.

The young man's face was full of rage. "Why?! Why should I change my first choice?! Who does she think she is?! Who gives her the right to make us do this?! While it's true that she's never been under your care, but what about her? She has never fulfilled her filial duty! No one owes her!"

Sun Lan was sobbing, "Xiao Nuo, don't say that... She's your sister anyhow, and she's in a difficult situation right now. She said her identity has been revealed. Her in-laws know about it, so she's in a tight spot..."

Tang Nuo's expression looked worse. "So what if it's been revealed? Everyone should've known about it five years ago! Does she think she's really the daughter of the Ning family? All of that belongs to my sister... to Sis Xi! She took away Sis Xi's opportunities for so many years. Was that not enough? Mother, can you not be so selfish?! Even though Sis Xi isn't your real daughter, she stayed with us for 18 years. She's the first one to help us when we're in trouble!"

"I'm not. I don't mean that Xiao Xi isn't good. We're talking about Xueluo now... What should your sister do? She's worried that if we go to Imperial, more people will know about her identity. I know these opportunities are supposed to belong to Xiao Xi, but your sister has come a long way..."

"She just got married to a rich family. It must be hard for her. If we're close to her, even if we don't look for her and no one finds out, she'd still feel uncomfortable. She'd always live in fear..."

"Hard for her? She married into a rich family and gets to enjoy life every day. Which part of that is hard for her? After taking away Sis Xi's opportunities for so long, she deserves to live in fear! Mother, think about how she treated us along the years. I really don't understand why you're feeling guilty towards her!" The young man's face was bright red with anger.

"Father, do you agree that I should change my first choice as well?" The young man looked at his father challengingly.

Chapter 1495: Nothing's More Important Than My Grandson

The mother and son kept on arguing, but Tang Shan did not say anything at all. He never really had an opinion of his own. At this moment, he had no idea what to do.

He looked at his wife when his son asked him, then he stuttered, "Xiao Nuo, actually, your mother has a point. It's not a must for you to go to Imperial. There're a lot of good schools out there too. You can always find a university that's in a city near Imperial..."

Tang Nuo was enraged and disappointed. "You two... No matter what, I'll not change my first choice! I want to go to Imperial! No one's stopping me!"

It was not just about the fact that he had been longing to go to Imperial since he was little. Ever since Ning Xi left, his desire to go to Imperial grew stronger. He missed his sister dearly. After enduring it for so long, he looked forward to the day when he could finally get into a university in Imperial. Then, he could be closer to his sister and could look for her more often...

And now, with just a word from her, they want me to give up my hopes and dreams! Why?!

She detests me, but I hate the fact that my sister was taken away too!

"I heard you arguing the moment I came in. What is it about? Xiao Nuo's having his exams soon. Why don't you let him study quietly?! Did... Shan lend others money again?" An old, stern, white-haired woman came in.

"Grandmother..." Tang Nuo greeted her.

"That's not it, Mother. How could I?!" Tang Shan quickly explained.

Sun Lan was nervous when she realized that her mother-in-law had come.

Her mother-in-law had lost her husband when she was young, so she had brought up her son alone. Since she was the straightforward and headstrong dictator at home, Sun Lan was always a little afraid of her.

"What's the matter? Xiao Nuo, my dear grandson, tell Grandma about it!" The elder looked at Tang Nuo with a gentle expression.

Tang Nuo's eyes brightened. She was like his savior. He went up to the elder and told her everything.

The young man gave her a massage while recounting the injustice he had just experienced.

"Grandmother, just because of a laughable excuse of her feeling uncomfortable, my parents want me to change my first choice and not let me go to Imperial... but you know me, Grandmother, I've been longing to go to Imperial since I was little. I also promised to bring you there for fun one day!"

The elder was crossed. "Nonsense! Who's going to make my dear grandchild change his first choice?! Who does she think she is to decide on such AN important matter? That little witch dares to overstep her boundaries?!"

Sun Lan subtly nudged her husband, then Tang Shan spoke up helplessly, "Mother, you're overreacting... Whatever it is, she's my daughter... and your granddaughter..."

"Nonsense, she has never even been in this house before. How is she my granddaughter? Since she was given away, she's someone else's daughter. I don't want to be near her anyway. She had better not dare intervene in our matters! Especially regarding Xiao Nuo!" The elder's voice was strong and loud.

"Nothing's more important than my grandson. If I hear you and Shan make Xiao Nuo change his first choice again, go back to the Sun family!"

Sun Lan did not dare to say anything, and Tang Shan kept quiet as well.

Well, of course, they did not want to disappoint their son as well, but somehow they missed this daughter who had never been by their side...

In the end, the matter was closed after the elder intervened. The both of them decided to let it go...

Chapter 1496: Did Darling Not Miss Me?

After she finished filming in Movie City, Ning Xi followed the crew of "Nine Realms" and traveled across the country to shoot in different locations.

Some time passed, and finally, after the shooting session today, she could return to Imperial.

Coincidentally, the last scene was filmed in Chang Chun City, and it was exactly in the maize field in Spring Breeze Town.

A sex scene in "Heroes of War" had been filmed here. So was the last time she had jumped onto her darling... Too bad they did not do it then...

During this period of time, there were no scenes of Ke Mingyu at all. It had been a long time since she last saw Lu Tingxiao, and Ning Xi was really longing to see both the big and the little bun, but now that she was in Chang Chun City, she might as well take the chance to fulfill her promise to Tang Nuo.

After she talked to Tang Nuo about it, Lu Tingxiao called her.

"Hello!"

"Are you coming back today?"

"Mmm, I remembered that I promised Xiao Nuo to have dinner with them. Coincidentally, I'm at Chang Chun City today, so I'll head over for dinner before going back. I'll probably be home pretty late!" Ning Xi said.

"Don't rush back if it's too late. You can come back tomorrow."

"Mmm, I got it!"

"Going to a meeting in a bit. Talk to you soon."

"Okay, get back to work! My work's starting soon as well!"

Ning Xi was a little down after she hung up the phone. After not seeing each other for so long, did her darling not miss her at all? He had actually asked her to not rush and come back tomorrow...

Evening soon came.

All the scenes were completed that day. Ning Xi bade farewell to the crew, then she told Xiao Tao that she was going nearby to visit a relative. Afterward, she drove towards the Tang residence.

There was a path that could not be accessed by car, so Ning Xi parked her car by the roadside and started walking.

The moment she got down from the car, she saw a familiar silhouette.

"Sis!" Tang Nuo was a little taken aback when he saw her, but he appeared overjoyed.

Ning Xi did not disguise herself as a rural-looking girl this time. She was dressed as her real self. She had removed her makeup and put on her normal clothes after she was done with work. Although her face was bare, her skin glowed, and her facial features looked really pretty. Her naturally curly, seaweed-like hair matched her mint-green long dress, making her look youthful and beautiful.

"Xiao Nuo, why are you here?"

"I'm here to get you!" The young man said as-a-matter-of-factly. His eyes were shining as he looked at her. "Sis, people online say that you look really amazing... I didn't believe them at first! I thought it's all the work of Photoshop..."

Ning Xi was speechless. "Please! I'm the real deal, alright? Are you really my brother?!"

Ning Xi said it without giving much thought to it, but after that, she realized it made things awkward between them...

Ning Xi quickly changed the topic, "Let's go now. Don't let your parents wait for too long!"

"Mmm! After knowing that you're coming, Mother went to the market very early in the morning. Father went fishing as well and caught some very fresh produce..." Tang Nuo started chatting with Ning Xi.

"Ah, I almost forgot! You've gotten a really high mark on your exams, so there shouldn't be any problem for you to get into a university in Imperial, should there? My brother is amazing! Have you gotten your university acceptance letter? Let me take a picture and show it off!"

Tang Nuo looked a little embarrassed. "Not yet! I'm still waiting for it..."

Chapter 1497: Drastic Changes

They reached the Tang residence.

Sun Lan had already prepared a full feast, and Tang Shan was waiting by the doorstep. When they saw the two of them, they quickly welcomed them in.

Compared to the awkward atmosphere last time, it was much better this time around. Although they were still pretty courteous and distant, it was not cold at all.

"Xiao Xi's here. Come in quickly! I'm really sorry. You left the last time before I could make you stay for dinner!"

"That's alright. It's just a piece of cake. Do you need help?"

"No need at all. Just sit around and wait for dinner. There's still the soup left to prepare, but it'll be ready soon!"

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After a while, the family of four reunited together at the dinner table.

Sun Lan looked at Ning Xi, feeling a little awkward. "Such drastic changes! I almost can't recognize you anymore..."

Tang Shan nodded in agreement. "Xiao Xi, you've become prettier!"

They did not really notice it since she had disguised herself the last time they met her, but they now discerned the transformation of the girl who was once their daughter. Both her outlook and her aura had turned into something exceptional to them.

It might be awkward for them to talk about other topics, thus slowly they started talking about Tang Nuo. They were talking about how Tang Nuo had gotten himself into a good university, and how proud Sun Lan and Tang Shan were.

"This child, he has been looking forward to going to a university in Imperial and he finally did it!"

"Boys should go out and take a look at the big city and go through some hardships!" Ning Xi said.

Tang Shan nodded. "That's right!"

Sun Lan and Tang Shan were really glad about their decision when they saw their son's excellent grades. If they had actually made Xiao Nuo change his first choice, then it would really affect his future pathway.

"But the acceptance letter hasn't come yet. It's quite worrying..." Tang Shan frowned.

"Why are you being so worried? The acceptance letter won't just fly away!" Sun Lan commented.

As they spoke, Tang Nuo's grandmother ran over to their house.

All of them stood up when they saw her.

"Grandmother..."

"Mother, why are you here at such a late hour?"

The elder had a restaurant in town, and she usually stayed there.

The elder looked into the house and saw that there was an extra person. "This is...?"

"Grandmother, she's my sis! Tang Xi!" Tang Nuo held onto Ning Xi's shoulder as he introduced her.

"Tang... Tang Xi... Why is she here?" The elder was surprised, but she did not say anything else about it. Instead, she quickly took out a large envelope excitedly. "Xiao Nuo, your acceptance letter is here!"

"What?!"

"Your university acceptance letter!"

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Suddenly, everyone was focused on the envelope the elder was holding.

"I couldn't wait for it. I always went and checked for Xiao Nuo's letter every once in a while. I finally got it! Open it and see! Read it for me..." The elder looked like she was over the moon.

Tang Nuo took the envelope with trepidation, then he took a deep breath and opened it. Sun Lan and Tang Shan gathered around him.

Ning Xi was really thrilled for Tang Nuo when she saw the four of them so happy together.

The next moment, Tang Nuo's expression suddenly changed.

It was a university acceptance letter indeed, but it was not an acceptance letter from the university in Imperial! It was from a university in Xi Jiang, somewhere extremely far away from both Chang Chun City and Imperial...

"What happened?! What is this Xi Jiang Polytechnic Academy? I didn't put this in any of my choices at all. Why did I get an acceptance letter from them?"

Chapter 1498: Something Went Wrong

"What? Xi Jiang?" Startled, Sun Lan asked her husband to quickly take a look at it since she could not read.

Tang Shan took the acceptance letter and looked through it. "This... How did it turn out this way? Why is it not Imperial University, but an academy in Xi Jiang? Did they send it to the wrong person?"

"But Xiao Nuo's name is written on it!" While Sun Lan could not read, she could still recognize her son's name in the familiar Chinese script.

Elder Madam Tang did not expect this outcome after she had jovially gone over. She quickly asked Tang Nuo, "Xiao Nuo, did you mistakenly fill in the wrong name for your university choices?"

"Impossible! I never picked any school in Xi Jiang at all, and I've checked it over and over again. I definitely wouldn't have gotten it wrong!"

"Then, what happened? Does someone have the same name as you, or did the school from Xi Jiang make a mistake?" Madam Elder Tang made a guess.

Tang Shan shook his head. "The possibility of a mistake by the school is very low. If Xiao Nuo didn't choose this school, how could they have Xiao Nuo's information?"

Sun Lan's face was pale. "Xiao Nuo, quickly check what kind of school this is."

Tang Nuo was already on it. He looked up from his phone with a darkened expression. "It's a school in the second-tier priority listing. The place is really far away. In order for them to get more students, one can get into it with just around 300 marks..."

"Second... Second tier... With Xiao Nuo's marks, he deserves to go to a top-tier school! Why did it end up becoming this school?! And it's so far away! It'll take two days and two nights just to get there! I heard it's a really messy place. The order there is questionable as well... How can Xiao Nuo go to school there?! What should we do?" Sun Lan started weeping.

Tang Shan was flustered. "Well... Let's give it some time. Maybe we'll receive the acceptance from Imperial University a few days later."

Sun Lan boiled. "The teacher already said that it wouldn't happen. A person cannot be accepted by two schools at the same time! If he's really been accepted by this school, then he can't go to Imperial University anymore! Damn... Why does Xiao Nuo have to go through this?"

"Stop crying! What help can that do?!" Elder Madam Tang became heated when she saw Sun Lan crying.

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The silent Ning Xi spoke up, "It's really late now and we probably can't contact anyone. We'll wait for tomorrow to call the schools to ask what happened."

Sun Lan nodded when she heard Ning Xi. "That's right... We'll call and ask! Something must've gone wrong!"

Tang Nuo grabbed the acceptance letter in silence.

Tang Shan's head drooped miserably. "That's all we can do now..."

Elder Madam Tang looked at Ning Xi and did not say anything.

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That very night, the Tang family discussed Tang Nuo's issue again, but of course, it was not fruitful.

"Sis, it's really late now. It won't be safe to drive back tonight. Why don't you stay here for the night?" Tang Nuo cheered himself up and invited Ning Xi.

Ning Xi gave it some thought, then she nodded. "Okay."

She had planned to go back to Imperial tonight, but now that Tang Nuo had encountered this issue, she could not just leave him alone. She agreed to stay, so she then quickly sent a text message to Lu Tingxiao and told him about what had happened.

Chapter 1499: You'll Definitely Get In

"Sis, you can sleep in my room! I've washed and dried my bed sheets!" Tang Nuo announced.

After he received the call from Ning Xi this morning, he had gone out of his way and washed his bedsheets, just in case she needed to stay for the night.

Previously, Ning Xi slept in the small storeroom with various knickknacks lying around. After so many years, of course, that room could not be slept in anymore.

"Where will you sleep?" Ning Xi asked.

"I'll just sleep on the floor in the living room!" Tang Nuo did not seem to mind.

At that moment, Elder Madam Tang's expression changed into aghast. "How can you do that? What if you catch a cold?"

"Grandmother, I'm a man. I'm alright with sleeping on the floor. I can't let a girl do that, can I?"

"No, your body is weak. The floor is really humid. How can you sleep there?!" Madam Elder Tang glared stubbornly as if Ning Xi was trying to murder her grandson.

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"Uhh..." Ning Xi coughed lightly, "Xiao Nuo, it's alright. I'll just bunk at an inn in the town for the night."

"That's worse! The rooms at the inn are horrible and messy!" Tang Nuo frowned as he shot his stubborn grandmother a look. Then, he pleaded to Ning Xi with his eyes. "Home is still better. Then, Sis, you'll sleep in the living room. I'll prepare thicker sheets for you to sleep on!"

"Okay." Ning Xi nodded when she saw Tang Nuo's determined eyes.

Elder Madam Tang did not say anything this time around. She dragged her son and daughter-in-law aside to demand, "I haven't asked you two. Why is this brat here today?"

Tang Shan coughed lightly, "Mother, she's the daughter of a rich family now... She's not your granddaughter..."

"We fed her for so many years. All for nothing, and she's now become the daughter of another family! I already said that we should've thrown her out back then, but the both of you didn't listen to me! Great, we raised a daughter for someone else!" Elder Madam Tang grumbled.

Tang Shan quickly dragged his mother further away. He spoke with a low voice, "Mother, stop it! If we really had thrown her away and her family came for her, we'd be in real trouble!"

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The voices of the three of them went further and further away. After Tang Shan and Sun Lan sent the elder off, they went into their room.

Tang Nuo was setting up the bedsheets in the living room. "I'm done!"

"Thank you!" As Ning Xi was about to lie down, Tang Nuo dragged her up. "What are you doing, Sis?! You think you're really sleeping here?! I was just lying to Grandmother. I could never let you sleep right here! Get into the room and sleep!"

Ning Xi was taken aback as she was reminded of some old memories. Her eyes watered, and the next moment, she stepped forward and hugged the young man. She did not want him to see her teared-up eyes. "Brat..."

Tang Nuo scratched his head innocently. "Sis, what's wrong?"

Ever since they had been kids, he was always like this, protecting her at all times.

Ning Xi kept her emotions in check and she let Tang Nuo pull away. "Nothing."

"Sis, quickly go and sleep now. You'll get dark circles if you sleep too late!"

"Okay, I'll not argue with you about this. Oh, right, don't worry too much about the acceptance letter. It'll be alright!" Ning Xi comforted him.

Tang Nuo's expression darkened when the topic of his acceptance letter was mentioned. He smiled bitterly. "How can I not worry about it? I've been looking forward to it for so many years. I put in so much effort. Actually, Sis, I'm really, really sad. I'm afraid... What if I really can't get into Imperial University?"

Ning Xi patted the young man's head. "Don't worry, I assure you, you'll definitely get in!"

Chapter 1500: Outcome of Despair

The next morning, Elder Madam Tang came over early to ask her son and daughter-in-law to start making calls to the university.

No one picked up as it was still too early for anyone to be in the office.

Elder Madam Tang, Tang Shan, and Sun Lan all looked weak and sleep-deprived. They probably had not gotten any rest the whole night. As for Tang Nuo, probably because of Ning Xi's comforting, he had actually fallen asleep.

They waited until office hours commenced, then Tang Shan called the number to Xi Jiang Polytechnic Academy, but he was too nervous to speak clearly. In the end, Tang Nuo took over the phone and turned on the loudspeaker.

"Hi, is this Xi Jiang Polytechnic Academy? I'm a third-year high school student from Yu Lin High School in Chang Chun City. My name is Tang Nuo. I received an acceptance letter from your university, but I didn't put your school on my list of choices, so I just hope you could check for me if something went wrong..."

"You received an acceptance letter?"

"Yes."

"Since you've received an acceptance letter, then our school has accepted you. What's wrong with that?"

"But on my list..."

"Then, you must have filled it in wrongly. You should look for the related department in the district council, or just ask your teacher."

"I'm going to, but I'd like to confirm if there was a mistake here..."

"You can go and check your list first. If there's nothing wrong, then call back again!" Then, the person hung up.

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"What's wrong with this person?! It's about Xiao Nuo's life. How could he push away the responsibility?! How much time would it take him to check?" Elder Madam Tang fumed.

"Whatever, he's probably busy. Xiao Nuo, make a call to the district council and ask!" Tang Shan said.

Tang Nuo frowned a little, but he made the call anyway.

He was sure that he had not made a mistake, but since the school in Xi Jiang said so, he just had to double check.

Checking the information took some time. After a long wait into the afternoon, they finally received a call. The final outcome had everyone in despair...

"There's no mistake. Xi Jiang Polytechnic School was stated as your first choice!"

"Impossible! I didn't write this school down at all. I wrote Imperial University!" Tang Nuo vexed.

"Mister, can't we change it?" Sun Lan asked carefully.

"If every student came and told me they didn't choose their school wisely and say 'I didn't choose this school', do you think it's possible for me to just change it?"

"I have a teacher as my witness!" Tang Nuo said.

The person on the phone chuckled coldly, "Who knows if you guys are working together? Let me tell you, I've seen a lot like you! You're the third of such a case today!"

"I'm not... I really didn't put that down..."

"Sure, sure, stop quibbling! Your choice now is either to attend the school in Xi Jiang or to repeat another year!"

The phone call ended.

There was dead silence.

Tears of disbelief filled Tang Nuo's eyes and he clenched his fists tightly. "I don't believe it... I don't believe it... I didn't make a mistake!"

Ning Xi suddenly spoke up, "Could someone else have changed it?"

Of course, she believed that Tang Nuo would not make such a low-level mistake, but the main point was that Tang Nuo did not even know about this school and had not put it as an alternative as well. How could he have magically filled it in wrong?