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Chapter 1041. Little Gathering (1)

Ah Mo did not say anything and just silently stared at Gu Qiwu, his reserved and imposing manner not giving in to Gu Qiwu's.

While as Ah Mo was sizing him up, Gu Qiwu also fixed his gaze on him while his dark eyes refracted a shifting light. His stern face was a little tense, but you could not quite read his expression.

The two of them seemed to confront each other for quite a while before Gu Qiwu spoke up, "Nice to meet you, Ah Mo! Looks like you still remember me." His deep voice contained a hint of amusement, but it sounded cold to Ah Mo.

"Mr. Gu of the Hui Gu Corporation, you were quite popular a while back. It'd be quite hard to not remember you." Ah Mo's face was calm as he responded calmly.

The curve on the corner of Gu Qiwu's lips widened. Then, he pointed at the seat across him. "Have a seat!"

Ah Mo looked at him thoughtfully, then walked over and sat down.

"I remember the last time we sat across each other like was a few years ago when Mu Yinan came to City B to talk business. I made an appointment with him, but he didn't come and sent you instead. He regards you quite high, and you have quite a status in the Mu family."

Gu Qiwu's inquisitive gaze paused on Ah Mo's face. Although his tone seemed a little meaningful, Ah Mo could hear a hint of disdain. Still, he was used to these things because he had seen such tricks before.

"Mr. Gu, you're wrong. There's no such thing as a hierarchy in our Mu family, just the elders and those who come after them," Ah Mo replied.

Gu Qiwu suddenly laughed. His calm tone was filled with a hint of disdain as he taunted, "No hierarchy? Our Mu family? Are you already part of the Mu family? I heard that you were just an orphan that Mu Yinan adopted from the orphanage."

Even if that were hard to hear, Ah Mo's expression did not change at all. He looked at Gu Qiwu calmly, "I think you don't want to see me today just to discuss my background, do you?"

"You're quite a hard one. I heard about you from Ah Yong. You used to be Mu Yinan's expert help, and now you're a capable subordinate of Mu Yuchen's. Even Ah Yong was praising your capabilities. However, these things cannot cover up the truth of your background."

When Gu Qiwu said this, he paused and examined Ah Mo again before continuing, "You should have a better chance, and not lower yourself to just be Mu Yuchen's subordinate as Glory World Corporation's common project manager, don't you think?"

In the end, Gu Qiwu's tone seemed to sound like he was probing. His dark brows were slightly raised as he looked at Ah Mo with amusement.

Ah Mo slowly lowered his gaze, hiding the shadow that flashed in his eyes. "I don't know what you're talking about."

"You know what I mean! But I won't point it out either."

A sneer flashed across Ah Mo's lips. "I'm sorry, Mr. Gu. I don't understand what you mean."

"You and I understand each other. I personally admire your capabilities and think you're very responsible. You've stayed at the Mu family for so many years, and done so much for them. Mu Yuchen should at least arrange for a better position for you, shouldn't he? Do you need me to make it any clearer? I accidentally found out a while back that your wife's pregnant too. As a man, don't you think that you should give your child a better life?" Gu Qiwu's voice continued to drone on.

"Let my woman and child have a better life? Mr. Gu, do you know this logic too?"

When he heard this, Ah Mo found it even more ironic. This man did not mention Lingshi at all, and instead, talked at length about these things.

As Ah Mo finished, Gu Qiwu's profound gaze took in all of Ah Mo's disdain. However, he did not answer him and his expression did not seem calm.

He thought to himself that Mu Lingmo definitely knew about his relationship with Mu Lingshi. However, Gu Qiwu did not plan on pointing it out bluntly.

"You should consider my words. With your capabilities, you shouldn't just be a little project manager. Besides, don't they say that they see Mu Lingshi as a Mu family's daughter too?"

Upon hearing this, Ah Mo's expression began to shift from dark to light as he glanced uncertainly at Gu Qiwu, "Can you give me a better deal?"

Gu Qiwu instantly smiled, seeming to be satisfied with the changes on Ah Mo's face. "At least, I won't be stingy with my own people."

Upon hearing that, Ah Mo had a mixed expression. He looked quietly at Gu Qiwu and pursed his lips tightly without uttering a word.

"You can go back and consider it, Glory World can only be Mu Yuchen's. Although you think of him as one of your own, he might not. Six years ago, after that tragedy, is that not enough to show what the problem is? After going through that, you should understand it very well. In fact, it was Mu Yuchen who asked you to arrange for the people. I heard that you hesitated then, didn't you?" Gu Qiwu went on with a lower voice though Ah Mo could hear a hint of strangeness.

Ah Mo quickly looked up and met with Gu Qiwu's to catch a hint of coldness from his dark eyes!

It looks like this Gu Qiwu's resentment towards Brother runs deep.

"Alright, you can go back and think about it. I'm looking forward to your answers. If you're willing to become part of my people, I'll allocate an even vaster space for you."

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Afterwards, Ah Mo did not answer Gu Qiwu's question.

When he left the clubhouse, it was already very late at night, and Maple Residence had already fallen into silence. Xi Xiaye had just coaxed Mu Xiaocheng to sleep and bathe, while Mu Yuchen was browsing through some documents in the study room.

When the phone rang, Mu Yuchen answered without even looking.

"Brother, it was really as you said! On the way home earlier, I was stopped by Gu Qiwu's people who brought me to meet him!" Ah Mo's voice sounded solemn as he spoke softly.

Mu Yuchen reacted calmly. "Hmm? What did he talk to you about?" As he answered, he closed the thick book he was holding and put it back onto the shelf.

"He wanted me to be one of his chess pieces. I think it was meant to go against you. He even brought up that thing with Lingtian, but his move of trying to drive a wedge between us doesn't seem very clever," Ah Mo said, unfazed.

Upon hearing that, Mu Yuchen's expression froze slightly, then he answered coldly, "Whether it's clever or not depends on who it was targetting. If it were really someone, this might actually be a good trick."

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Ah Mo chuckled. "Unfortunately he used it on the wrong person."

Worried, he continued, "I thought he would bring Lingshi up, but he didn't. I think he's not going to acknowledge Lingshi's identity at all. Are you sure you still want to meet him? I could sense his deep hatred for you"

Mu Yuchen smirked slightly. "He's not the only one who harbors great hatred towards me. A lot of people would be glad to attend my funeral. I won't last so long, I'm afraid. Ah Mo, if you ever feel that I'm mistreating you, you can leave anytime. I won't stop you. I've told you this a long time ago."

"I'm willing to follow you forever. I'll never regret this decision!" Ah Mo voiced out before Mu Yuchen even finished his sentence.

Mu Yuchen replied with a smile, "Initially, I couldn't believe Lingtian's reason for betraying me, but hearing your words make me feel like it might be true. If someday, something happens between Gu Qiwu and I...if that day ever comes, you and Lingshi shouldn't get involved. Then, the two of you don't have to be burdened. You don't have to be bothered about anything related to Gu Qiwu anymore. Just focus on living your own life."

He then hung up without waiting for Ah Mo's reply. Mu Yuchen's eyes darkened along with the screen of his phone before he dialed another number.

He was calling Su Chen who had already been back for a week. Right after his honeymoon trip, he jumped right back into intense work since a lot had piled up, so he frequently worked till late at night. He still had not found the time to meet Zhou Zimo and Mu Yuchen yet.

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Half an hour later, at the rest area by the small plaza in front of Su Chen's station.

When Mu Yuchen arrived with several bottles of wine, Su Chen and Zhou Zimo were already done setting up the barbeque pit. Zhou Zimo was putting some sauce onto the meat while Su Chen was preparing something else. The smell in the air was very tempting.

"You guys sure are quick!"

Qi Lei's voice reached them first before Mu Yuchen got to say anything yet. Mu Yuchen turned around and noticed him twirling his car keys on his finger as he sauntered over. "I was just nearby when Su Chen called me. It was a great reason for me to leave early though preparing these things is easy!"

Zhou Zimo handed each of them a skewer with meat on it.

Mu Yuchen handed his bag to Su Chen, then tried the skewer before turning towards Zhou Zimo. "It's alright now. Don't overcook it."

Qi Lei enjoyed the meat thoroughly. He spoke before he finished swallowing the meat, "More sauce, please!"

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They cooked some more meat before sitting down.

"You're really busy working on the weekends. Salute to you and your colleagues. Here, eat some more! I was having trouble finding something to do. It's been a week since I drank!" Qi Lei said as he grabbed a bottle of wine.

Clink!

They all took their fill right after they raised their wine glasses.

"This reminds me of the night before we left the military. It was so many years ago! It's been a long time since I've done this! Why did you think of coming out drinking with us now? Aren't you worried that Xiaye will be looking for you everywhere?" Zhou Zimo started teasing Mu Yuchen.

Mu Yuchen stared at him coldly as he took a sip of his wine. "Didn't you say we were ignoring you just a few days ago?"

Zhou Zimo coughed lightly and touched his nose before he turned towards Qi Lei. "How're things on your end? Can my subordinates return to me yet?"

"The system is still in operation. I'm worried that there will be maintenance work. Anyway, you don't need to worry about losing one or two people from your company! Too bad, I won't be returning them. I don't mind paying for this dinner tonight!" Qi Lei said shamelessly.

"Dinner? Is my service only worth one dinner? Dream on! Are you trying to humiliate me!?" Zhou Zimo ate the last piece of meat on a toothpick and threw the toothpick at Qi Lei.

Qi Lei managed to catch it with a grin. "You're only worth this toothpick here. I'm buying your workers' equipment with a piece of meat on it!"

"You're becoming more and more like Ah Chen! Such an evil businessman!"

"If you can crack some jokes, then you'll have the same value as the piece of meat!"

"You little—" Zhou Zimo grabbed a glass and was about to throw it at Qi Lei.

"That's enough now. Let's talk business!" Su Chen gave them a warning stare and they both kept quiet.

"Ah Chen, Zimo briefed me on what happened. I don't think we can completely trust what Qi Feng says. By the way, I have some new information. Remember Wang Qin's incident on the cruise?"

Mu Yuchen squinted and glanced at Su Chen, then he quickly averted his gaze to Qi Lei who seemed a little startled.

"What's the matter?" Zhou Zimo asked.

"We couldn't find the perpetrator. The best we could do back then was help Ah Chen be removed from the suspect list, so the actual murderer is still on the loose, but from what I know, Uncle Mu requested a thorough investigation. He even got so angry that he criticized the police force's ability. After some time, the police actually found some leads!"

"What leads? Are we going to find out who killed my mother soon? Who is it? Is it Qi Qiming? Or someone else?" Qi Lei asked frantically as he stared at Su Chen.

"We still haven't found out who, but we grasped the murderer's identity. He was an inmate before, and is someone from City B. Plus, he's related to Gu Qiwu's assistant, Ah Yong."

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Su Chen's tone sounded grim and hesitant. "Gu Qiwu? Are you saying it was Gu Qiwu's subordinate?"

Qi Lei's eyes darkened in disbelief. "That's impossible! Gu Qiwu never had any conflict with my mother before. There's no need for him to go against her!"

"That's exactly the concern. With the evidence now, we can't say for sure that Gu Qiwu is behind this. It might just be a coincidence. The problem is that the perpetrator fled abroad, so no one knows where he is now!"

As a higher-up, Su Chen had bumped into someone following the case, so he had received some valuable information after a light probe.

"Abroad? We can't get him just because he ran away abroad?" Qi Lei asked.

Su Chen shook his head helplessly. "You'll have to ask the police for that. However, I think the whole thing is not that simple, we might be able to find out something if we get ahold of that perpetrator."

"Speaking of Gu Qiwu, I don't think he has an obvious motive. Could he have killed her so that either Qi Qiming or Qi Feng could take over Qi Kai? Knowing how selfish he is, I bet he won't bear the risk for them, will he? I doubt Qi Feng is of any importance to him! He's disabled now, so he probably can't prove much value!" Zhou Zimo expressed his thoughts straightforwardly.

"Zimo has a point. I can't make sense of this whole thing at all. It's obvious that the perpetrator is trying to frame Ah Chen. We might be able to find something surprising if we find this guy!" Su Chen squinted and looked into Mu Yuchen's calm, cold eyes.

Qi Lei's eyes darkened, then he spoke resentfully, "Whoever that is, I'll never forgive him!"

"Wait until the police find evidence. This is just our speculation at the current stage." Mu Yuchen was surprised, but he knew very well what Mu Tangchuan was trying to do! He wanted to rat out the person behind this and eliminate that threat.

"I'll try to get something out from Gu Qiwu if the chance ever arises. I have something to discuss with him as well." Mu Yuchen glanced at Qi Lei. "You need to pick your pace up. I might not be able to help you if something happens on my end. I'm just doing my best to delay it."

“Don’t worry. Everything is going well. I’ll go to City B in a few days. Only the filming is left outstanding since we’ve signed the contract, so I’ll be able to sneak away with this excuse. I’ll still be able to stand my ground if you can’t cover me then.”

“I won’t interfere with your business and I’ll leave it to you guys! I have no idea how it works after all.” Su Chen shrugged helplessly. “I do think you guys ought to be jealous of me. There are no tricks or schemes. I just sit at my office desk comfortably and do whatever I want.”

“You wouldn’t have it easy if you’re always dreaming to be at the top!” Qi Lei said.

“Su Chen, just keep an eye on the immigration. Tell me if you find anything. Besides, Qi Feng and Gu Lingsha’s wedding is coming soon, but their marriage has never been approved by Gu Lingsha’s mother, Doris. I suppose she’ll be coming here very soon. Lingshi’s matter can’t be hidden any longer by then, so do what you can,” Mu Yuchen reminded them.

“Don’t worry. We got it.”

Su Chen and Zhou Zimo traded glances with each other. Qi Lei was a little confused but refrained from asking any questions.

“I’ll be keeping an eye on Qi Feng for you. While my position in the company is not too bad at the moment, I’ve been restricted from being involved in a lot of projects, so I may not see him very often too. I’ll just do my best,” Qi Lei said.

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They chatted as they drank, and only went home around 2 a.m.

Xi Xiaye had already fallen asleep when he arrived back in Maple Residence. Slightly tipsy, Mu Yuchen lay down on the bed the moment he got into the room.

Xi Xiaye could smell the strong alcohol stench even while she was asleep. The man was hugging her from behind and she could not move at all.

“Why did you drink so much? Where have you been? Get up—” Xi Xiaye tried to push him away, but her effort was futile. As she was about to kick him off, he got on top of her and whispered beside her ear, “Had a few drinks with Su Chen and the others. I’m not drunk...”

His voice was getting softer and softer until she could only hear his snoring...

She managed to get away from him in the end, and she quickly switched the bedside lamp on!

He did not even change out of his clothes. She could smell alcohol and barbeque smoke from him, but he was already sound asleep at the moment. With a sigh, she got out of bed to get him a warm towel and wipe his body after taking off his coat.

She was finally done after half an hour. It was already 4 a.m. and her sleepiness had totally gone away, so she cleaned up a little and was about to head to the study room, but before she could walk out, he grabbed her wrist and dragged her back onto the bed, embracing her once again.

“Where are you going?” He looked at her half-awake, his eyes seeming dissatisfied.

“I just wanted to look through some documents, but now...” Xi Xiaye lowered her head and looked at her man. “Alright, go to sleep. I’ll leave it for tomorrow.”

“When I wake up, I want you to always be sleeping by my side. Do you hear that?” His tone left her no room for negotiation, taking her by surprise.

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She lowered her head and looked at his face under the dim light. Although she noticed that he had closed his eyes once again, he showed no signs of letting her go. Finally, she stopped struggling and just laid down beside him. She pulled the blanket over herself again and let him sleep in peace.

However, the man’s voice reached her ear the moment she closed her eyes. “Answer me.” His grip around her waist tightened as well...

She put her hand on his and replied, “Fine, go to sleep now. It’s already almost dawn!”

“There’s no work tomorrow. It’s a weekend.”

He was still aware of the date, making her chuckle. In the next moment, he wrapped his arms around her like he was hugging a doll just before he dozed off to sleep peacefully.

Time flew when things got busy.

Three days after the gathering with Mu Yuchen’s friends, Qi Lei went to City B. Both Mu Yuchen and Xi Xiaye started getting busy with their work as well while Qi Feng and Gu Lingsha spent their time preparing for their wedding. It had been a long time since the Qi family celebrated something, so Qi Qiming intended to make it a huge event and throw the newlyweds a grand wedding.

With July about to end, the weather was still pretty hot on the streets because the crazy heatwave was hitting the town hard.

Right now, there were thunderstorm clouds hovering over Gu Lingsha’s office.

“How could Hua Heng do this!? They promised to give us the building materials, yet they went back on their promise at the last minute. Is this common for Hua Heng?” Gu Lingsha was mad as she swept the documents Secretary Tai handed her onto the floor. Papers flew everywhere, and she was extremely upset.

“What exactly happened? Their manager has already approved of the delivery, so why did they suddenly turn their backs on us?” Gu Lingsha asked Secretary Qin coldly.

“It seems like CEO Hua promised to give it to someone else instead. When I was asked about the delivery progress, I decided to call Hua Heng as they haven’t been giving any replies. I only found out about it then, and they didn’t give us a solid reason as well. I think it’s better to visit them personally!” Secretary Qin suggested.

The promotion work for the development project was going well now, and they had already started working. If things got delayed because of the materials, Qi Kai’s reputation would surely suffer since Qi Kai had really given it their all this time.

If this was messed up, they would be...

Gu Lingsha frowned as she was starting to worry. Moments later, she said, "Contact Manager Wang from Hua Heng and tell him that I need to meet him right away!" She bent over and quickly picked up the papers on the ground.

"Yes, Manager Gu, I'll call him now!" Secretary Tai then left the room.

Gu Lingsha paced around her room with uneasiness in her heart. She was busy preparing for her wedding lately and did not expect this to happen all of a sudden. If Secretary Tai had not called, she probably still had no idea about what had happened!

Knock knock!

As Gu Lingsha was getting impatient, Secretary Tai came in before she could reply.

"Manager Gu, Manager Xi from Yueying is here!"

Xi Xinyi? She took a deep breath and sat down in her chair as she suppressed her anxiety for the moment.

"Manager Gu."

Xi Xinyi gave Gu Lingsha a slight bow when she arrived before her. She then handed a document to Gu Lingsha. "This is the proposal for the initial stages of the promotional campaign. I've made amendments according to your comments. Please take a look if there are any more amendments required," Xi Xinyi said humbly.

Gu Lingsha raised her head and looked at Xi Xinyi who was looking at her intently.

Xi Xinyi was Xi Xiaye's sister from a different mother, but they shared a vengeful relationship. After something happened to Xi Xinyi, Han Yifeng took their child and went abroad. Then, Yueying almost went bankrupt too, but Qi Kai's assistance helped her to get back on her feet.

Xi Xiaye was the main cause behind it, so Xi Xinyi must really hate Xi Xiaye. After some observation, Gu Lingsha noticed that Xi Xinyi had been behaving well. Furthermore, she also had Yue Hai and the Yue family supporting her.

Gu Lingsha put on a smile after studying her for a while. She took the document from Xi Xinyi and signed her name on it after glancing through the proposal. Then, she handed it back. "I'm really happy with the way you work, Manager Xi. I'm sure you've been working hard. We're all happy with the progress of the promotional campaign. I hope you can keep this up."

Xi Xinyi took the document back and replied, "Thank you, Manager Gu. I will."

"I heard the two movies you produced did really well in the box office. That's as expected of an expert from the industry." Gu Lingsha glanced at her and smiled.

"It's all thanks to everyone's hard work. The glory isn't mine alone," Xi Xinyi replied with a grin.

"Mmm, I've heard a lot about you, Manager Xi. The fact that you're able to turn Yueying from being in a dire state to its current form impresses me. I believe that you're on par with the higher-ups in the company."

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Xi Xinyi did not quite respond to what Gu Lingsha said and just silently met her gaze.

Gu Lingsha then smiled. "As a woman, I do pity you a little. As your superior, I regard you highly. In fact, Miss Xi, you were also once a dazzling star in the entertainment industry. If it weren't for...no matter what, you should be enjoying both fame and fortune, and a blissfully happy family..."

When Xi Xinyi heard these, her fingers that held onto the document suddenly tightened. She looked a little gloomy, yet it was only a split second. Moments after that, she returned to appearing calm.

Gu Lingsha took all of this in, seeming satisfied with Xi Xinyi's reaction, so she smiled and said, "As a woman, I just feel sorry and find it unfair for you, Manager Xi. Your sister, Xi Xiaye, is a very capable character, and also a..."

"I don't want to talk about the past anymore, Manager Gu. If there's nothing else, then I'd like to leave first." Xi Xinyi lowered her gaze and held the document in hand tighter as her tone became a little cold.

Gu Lingsha paused slightly, then nodded and smiled. "I'm sorry, Manager Xi. I didn't mean to bring that up. I was just feeling unfair on your behalf. I've seen all your hard work in recent times. Despite so many blows, you've become the way you are now. I feel like I see parts of me in you. I think I can more or less empathize with your situation."

"I can only blame myself for not being as skilled as others." Xi Xinyi's lips parted slightly and you could hear a hint of cynicism in her voice.

"Manager Xi, you don't have to give up. You're great too. As long as you work hard, you won't fall short of anyone else, including Xi Xiaye." Gu Lingsha pointed out what she meant while Xi Xinyi was stunned to hear that and fell silent for a while. Then, she looked up at Gu Lingsha. "Thank you Manager Gu. I'll do my best."

Gu Lingsha smiled and nodded.

Xi Xinyi did not stay any longer. She turned to leave Gu Lingsha's office after bidding goodbye.

Bam!

When the door closed, Gu Lingsha's eyes that watched Xi Xinyi leave dimmed as she took in a deep breath and slowly leaned back against her chair.

After a while, Secretary Qin walked in once again. "Manager Gu, Manager Wang's assistant said that Manager Wang is busy right now. I've already made an appointment, but we probably need to wait until tomorrow."

When she finished, Gu Lingsha's exquisitely beautiful face turned stormy. She thought about it, then suddenly stood up and took her handbag from the side and walked out at a hurried pace. "Does Hua Heng think that I'm a fool? Let's make a trip to Huaheng!"

Secretary Qin watched as Gu Lingsha stormed out in an angry fit, and she just quietly followed behind.

An hour later, at the Hua Heng office, Gu Lingsha walked out with a morose expression while Secretary Qin followed behind her quietly, appearing worried.

"Fuhua has a project in City B too? Why do they keep fighting with us for these materials? They knew that we'd finish discussing the price first, yet they dare to be this reckless!" Gu Lingsha fumed.

"Manager Gu, maybe you don't know this, but while Fuhua and Hua Heng may both be in the real estate industry, the old CEO Shen and CEO Hua have always been good friends. Most of Fuhua's materials are supplied by Hua Heng, so it's not odd that Hua Heng would give them the materials first," said Secretary Qin as she rushed after her.

Gu Lingsha ranted, "Hua Heng's clearly messing with us. They should have at least let us know earlier if they had other plans for such a huge matter. Right now, our project's begun work and we will need these materials soon. Where am I supposed to find such a huge amount of materials in such a short time? The supervision of the earlier stages of the government project will be strict. I don't want to cause any reputational damage to the project because of this."

"What should we do now?" Secretary Qin asked worriedly.

Gu Lingsha stopped walking as she thought about it, then frowned deeply. "What else can we do? We'll have to go take a look at Fuhua and tell them to let us have the materials first. Due to this project, there seems to be some bad blood between Qi Kai and Fuhua. Let's use this chance to smooth things out with them."

"Manager Gu, you are so sensible!"

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Inside the CEO of Fuhua Real Estate's office, Xi Xiaye was discussing the development of the collaboration between the Movie and Television City base and Glory World when an assistant suddenly knocked on the door.

"Manager Xi, Manager Gu from Qi Kai is here. She says she needs to meet you right now."

"Qi Kai? Manager Gu? Which Manager Gu?"

Before Xi Xiaye could answer, Lan Zilang looked up from the blueprint in puzzlement. "Our company doesn't have any business dealings with Qi Kai, do we? Why are their people here? Where are they?"

"Assistant Manager Lan, they're still downstairs. It's Gu Lingsha. The reception called up to ask if you'd like to meet her."

Lan Zilang turned to Xi Xiaye but noticed that her expression was calm while her gaze remained on the blueprint before her. She did not seem to have any intention of responding and just wanted her assistant reject the unwelcome guests. However, at this moment, Xi Xiaye suddenly spoke up, "Let her come up."

"Yes, Manager Xi!" the assistant answered, then retreated.

Lan Zilang gave Xi Xiaye an amused look as he said, "Isn't Gu Lingsha the one who's been appearing a lot in the media recently? Why is she here?"

He obviously knew that Gu Lingsha and Mu Yuchen had some sort of connection. From Xi Xiaye's expression, she clearly looked quite unhappy, so he just laughed knowingly, "Alright, we'll just stop the discussion here then. Tonight, you shall go and deliberate with Chairman Mu, and if all's well, we will send people over from Fuhua. The design of this city isn't all that complex. As long as they can consider it properly, then we can go with the theme. Right now, there are many Movies and Television bases, but they're all just some small-minded ones, so I'm quite looking forward to this one!" Lan Zilang said as he tapped the blueprint in his hand with a smile.

"I think it won't let you down, Uncle Lan." Xi Xiaye smiled happily too as she kept the blueprint. "I'll go over and deliberate it with him tonight. If there's nothing else, both companies can send a

representative for a site check. If all goes well, then we'll go with this plan and continue to develop the Movies and Television base."

"Alright, I'll go out first." Lan Zilang retreated good-naturedly.

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Xi Xiaye had just rolled up the blueprint and was about to put it on the shelf when the secretary knocked from the outside to signal that she was letting Gu Lingsha in. "CEO Xi, Manager Gu is here!"

When Gu Lingsha walked into the office, she only saw a petite figure with the back facing her while putting a rolled-up blueprint onto the shelf. However, she was confused. Was the CEO of Fuhua not Shen Yue? When did it become a woman?

In fact, this woman's posterior looked a little familiar. Her black hair fell to her waist and her white off-shoulder dress showed off a slender figure. Even just the sight of her back had an indescribable charm to it.

"Alright, go bring us two cups of tea," Xi Xiaye calmly responded, then turned around and looked up indifferently. When their eyes met, Gu Lingsha's eyes instantly flew wide open!

How was it her!?

She was Fuhua's CEO?

Xi Xiaye was Fuhua's CEO?

"How...how is it you?!" Flabbergasted, Gu Lingsha's blue eyes were round and large as her eyes were fixed on Xi Xiaye in disbelief.

Previously, she had heard about Xi Xiaye frequently rubbing shoulders with the people in Fuhua, and with Fuhua's previous collaboration with Glory World to take down the South River Project No. 2, she thought that Xi Xiaye was just a contact person from Glory World. She did not think that...

How did Xi Xiaye take over Shen Yue's position?

Gu Lingsha thought about it for a while, and in her daze, she recalled that Xi Xiaye's mother's surname was Shen too.

Shen Wenna...Shen Yue?

She had never gone that in-depth when investigating Xi Xiaye, so she did not expect her to come from a good background too. It was no wonder that the Mu family and Mu Yuchen would have accepted her so easily.

Gu Lingsha's expression was a little strange at the moment. It was shifting with gloominess and changed quite a bit, yet you could not quite tell how she was feeling. "Why is it you!? You..." she muttered as her beautiful eyes remained fixated on Xi Xiaye's face. The shock in her eyes did not vanish.

"Why wouldn't it be me?" A sneer flashed on Xi Xiaye's lips as she looked calmly at Gu Lingsha.

Gu Lingsha took a deep breath and quickly forced herself to calm down!

If it was Xi Xiaye, then everything made sense. It must have been this witch that caused all the problems! She must have known about her materials, so she intentionally stole them from Hua Heng. It was probably because of that incident with her son and Weiwei at school!

Gu Lingsha was not a fool. Quickly, she analyzed everything. Upon being aware of this, her eyes quickly turned hard.

"It was you! You did it on purpose, didn't you!? Why would Hua Heng suddenly sell those materials to you? You must've known that we need those materials urgently! You did it on purpose, Xi Xiaye. You definitely did it on purpose, didn't you?" Gu Lingsha's stern voice came through. You could hear how stirred up she was from her voice as she pointed an accusing finger at Xi Xiaye.

Xi Xiaye reacted calmly. She walked casually to the desk and then set down her pen as she said in objection, "Miss Gu, you have too much prejudice against me. Fuhua needs those materials urgently

too. In fact, you should know that Fuhua and Hua Heng are very good partners. From their end, we are prioritized since we need these materials too. Fuhua offered the same prices as you did, and we could save Hua Heng a huge sum in logistic fees. If you were Hua Heng, how would you have chosen?"

"But it was clearly Qi Kai that settled on the deal first! As long as they release the materials from City B, we can pay the downpayment right away. We'll pay in full when the materials arrive. We've already discussed this! It must you, you vicious woman! You're making a move on us on purpose! You want to take revenge on me!" Gu Lingsha responded angrily.

Upon hearing that, Xi Xiaye suddenly laughed, her tone containing a hint of mockery. "But you didn't pay the downpayment in the end, did you? Who can prove that you discussed it first? I've already told CEO Hua a while ago to leave these materials for me. In fact, Fuhua has already paid for everything, so where's your downpayment? Miss Gu, you're someone who's been in business for quite a while. Businessmen care about win-win situations and sincerity the most. Until now, have you shown Hua Heng any sincerity?"

Gu Lingsha's expression darkened upon hearing that. "Xi Xiaye, you're despicable! You've already done it. Do you have to come up with such a pompous reason? Don't think I don't know that it was you who made Mu Yuchen frame me! I'm telling you, I'm not Xi Xinyi. I won't let you play me for a fool!"

Her expression was bitter as she pointed at Xi Xiaye. She was close to cursing at her. Even the assistant who brought the tea in was shocked by Gu Lingsha's manners. She looked at Xi Xiaye to see if she needed the bodyguard, but Xi Xiaye only shot her a look before she cautiously retreated.

"Xi Xinyi?" Xi Xiaye softly muttered before she sneered. "Turns out you know her too! Well, then let me tell you, if you don't want to become the second Xi Xinyi, you'd better behave yourself! Do you really think I don't know what you did to me before this? Just with Ruan Heng's incident alone, I should have made you pay the price!"

"Huh, right, I almost forgot that Ruan Heng still hasn't regained consciousness until now. Is he still in a coma? You don't have to look at me like that. That incident has nothing to do with me. I was a victim too. It's just that Ruan Heng wasn't as fortunate as me! What? Do you want to threaten me? What other tricks do you and your husband have apart from this!?"

Gu Lingsha recalled that when she first returned, Mu Yuchen had also threatened her like this. If she was not worried about those who would be implicated, she would not have been afraid!

“There’s no need for us to use such bright tricks when it comes to people like you. Aren’t you an expert in using these methods too? At my wedding with Mu Yuchen, you locked me in the washroom and released a snake. You tried to recklessly smear my relationship with Qi Lei. By the roadside in West Park, you pushed me down and made me go into premature labor, and you even wanted to frame Xi Xinyi. You framed Su Nan and almost made her go to jail. You’ve done more horrible things than can be counted. Isn’t someone like you even more despicable and shameless?” Xi Xiaye sat down leisurely on her chair. Her gaze was indifferent yet sharp.

Stunned, Gu Lingsha quickly lowered her gaze and responded, “I don’t know what you’re talking about.”

“You can refuse to admit to it, but the truth is right there as long as we all know it. If you’ve come for the materials today, then you can leave now.”

Chapter 1047. Exchange (4)

Xi Xiaye apathetically asked her to leave.

Inhaling deeply, Gu Lingsha slowly pulled her hand away. As she clenched her fists, she suppressed the anger that surged to her chest.

“What do you want?” The fury in her tone was hard to conceal.

“I should be the one asking you what you want. You came to my turf to unleash your craziness for no reason, Gu Lingsha. Are you sick in the head? You don’t have any awareness at all!” Xi Xiaye’s sharp voice was not inferior to hers at all.

Gu Lingsha clenched her fists in silence. Only she knew how much effort she needed to hold down her burning rage! “Those materials are very important to Qi Kai. I’ve already closed the discussion with the people at Hua Heng. Xi Xiaye, can you not be so despicable? You must let me have these materials. I can help you pay the penalty!” she insisted.

“Let you have it? Why should I?” Xi Xiaye looked up coldly at Gu Lingsha.

“Xi Xiaye, don’t forget that Qi Lei owns a part of Qi Kai too. You keep saying that Qi Lei’s your friend. Is this how you become a friend?” Gu Lingsha was a woman who made full use of everything, so she knew very well how to use her resources and how to provoke someone.

Indeed, when she said that, Xi Xiaye’s face immediately sank and her eyes became dull. She stared at Gu Lingsha in a lukewarm manner, and after a long, her fury dissipated. Instead, she smiled and said, “Very good, Gu Lingsha. It turns out that Qi Lei is present here today, so you can go tell him to talk to me. See if he’s willing to plead on your behalf. South River Project No. 2 seems to have nothing to do with him. When it comes to taking on responsibility, it might not even get assigned to him.”

So, she wanted to talk about a favor? She could do it for Qi Lei, but if it were for Gu Lingsha, then she might not do it!

“You!”

She was unmoved by force or persuasion and was thick-skinned much to Gu Lingsha’s extreme annoyance! She never would have thought that Xi Xiaye would suddenly turn out to be Shen Yue’s granddaughter and the CEO of Fuhua!

She thought that once Xi Mushan had fallen, the Xi family would be over and Xi Xiaye would have no more support to rely on, so she did not quite care about Xi Xiaye. Instead, she was targeting the old characters like Wang Qin and Zhuang Shurong, but who would have thought that she would turn out to be the CEO?

“Xi Xiaye, don’t go too far! You must make me look bad today, huh?”

“If you want to keep thinking that way, then I can’t help it either. I’m very busy and I don’t have time to attend to you. Xiao Mei!”

Xi Xiaye leaned against her chair calmly, and casually enjoyed Gu Lingsha’s sour expression. When she thought about how this woman had almost crushed her hand, she felt very pleased.

The moment Xiao Mei heard her calling for her, she immediately barged in. "Yes, CEO Xi?" Xiao Mei asked respectfully, but when she saw Gu Lingsha, her eyes turned cold. Naturally, she did not forget all the bad blood from before.

"Please help me see Miss Gu out!"

"Got it, CEO Xi!"

"Xi Xiaye, you better not be so delighted. You will regret whatever happened today!" Gu Lingsha said grudgingly through gritted teeth.

"I'll be waiting then, Miss Gu! Oh, right, previously your scandals with Mu Yuchen made me very unhappy. Let me give you some advice. Don't waste your time. When you were still a young virgin girl, he already didn't fancy you, so forget about now! His taste will only be even more refined from here on and won't deteriorate. Gu Lingsha, I think you're a smart person. Don't forget your identity, hmm, Miss Qi!"

When Xi Xiaye said that, Gu Lingsha's expression turned ashen! She hated it the most when someone brought up this embarrassing matter. Just as she wanted to go up to her, Xiao Mei blocked her path.

"Miss Gu, let's go! Otherwise, we'll have to get the bodyguards to send you down, and that won't look good!" Xiao Mei was also sniggering at the dismal Gu Lingsha!

This woman only knew how to bully others. She was always arrogant and never cared about normal staff like her, but she was always defeated by Director Xi!

"Xi Xiaye. I. Will. Remember. Today!" Gu Lingsha declared word for word through gritted teeth as she pointed at Xi Xiaye. You could tell that her anger was on the verge of exploding as she said this fiercely before slamming the door on the way out!

Bam!

The sound of the door slamming shocked Xiao Mei who subconsciously put a hand to her chest. When she saw that the door was tightly closed, she turned back to look at Xi Xiaye in her chair.

However, Xi Xiaye was looking thoughtfully at the closed door with a stony expression.

“CEO Xi, what drugs is Gu Lingsha on? Why did she come all the way here?” Xiao Mei asked, puzzled.

“What else could it be? Of course, it’s for the materials from Hua Heng. I can’t take her on openly, so this time I’ll let her fall on her knees! Go tell the people in the government about Gu Lingsha. Also, ask Uncle Lan to immediately prepare the same amount of materials from our warehouse. I’ll be waiting for her to beg me!”

“CEO Xi, are you planning on...”

“These materials are scarce. They are sourced from City C. Recently, the southwestern district has been having storms and floods. If these materials were to be shipped from there again, it would take at least a month or two. By then, South River Project No. 2 will need to have been started on after the groundbreaking ceremony. If it’s delayed for a month or two because of the materials, don’t you think that the pressure will get to Gu Lingsha? What would the government people think of Qi Kai? Gu Lingsha knew this, and that’s why she caught onto Hua Heng. Hua Heng has those materials stored in City B, and coincidentally, the development of the Movies and Television base in City B needs to use them too.”

“But, CEO Xi, doesn’t this mean that our warehouse has a lot of these materials too? Hua Heng actually offered them to us at quite a high price, thus I think we’re suffering some losses,” Xiao Mei frowned and said hesitantly.

“Don’t worry. The materials in the warehouse will have their uses.” Xi Xiaye responded with a mysterious smile, then slowly sat up straight. “Alright, don’t worry about these things. I have plans of my own, so just do as I say.”

Xiao Mei caught the smile on Xi Xiaye’s face and felt at ease, then she nodded. “Alright, I’ll go now! Oh right, CEO Xi, Miss Mu Lingshi called for you earlier, but I saw that you and Assistant Lan were in discussion, so I didn’t disrupt you!”

Mu Lingshi?

Xi Xiaye frowned as she responded, "Got it."

Chapter 1048. Distressed (1)

After Xiao Mei left the room quietly, Xi Xiaye stood up slowly and looked out of the window. The sun was still high up in the vast, blue sky, creating a refreshing scene she enjoyed.

She stretched her back and grabbed her phone that was being charged and gave Mu Lingshi a call.

The call connected in just a moment and Mu Lingshi's anxious voice reached Xi Xiaye's ear. "You finally called back! Please come to Hospital T right now. Xiao Cheng is having a fever. Grandfather and Grandmother aren't around and I'm freaking out. Aunt Fang and I are heading to the hospital. Come over right away. He's throwing a tantrum!"

Xi Xiaye's expression froze when she heard Mu Lingshi. Her face turned pale as she took a deep breath when she could hear Mu Xiaocheng wailing over the call. She then replied, "Oh dear...what happened? Please take care of him for now. I'll rush over now!"

"Alright, we'll be arriving at the hospital soon. Your phone was switched off just now, so I called my brother. I guess he's coming over as well."

"Mmm, I'll head over now. I'll call you again once I arrive!"

Xi Xiaye quickly switched off her laptop and left her office in a hurry after she grabbed her handbag. Thankfully, it was not during rush hour, so she arrived at the hospital as fast as she could. The doctor was checking Mu Xiaocheng when she found Mu Lingshi.

"39 degrees?! Why is he being sent in so late?" The doctor frowned.

Mu Lingshi spoke up, "I noticed that something was wrong with him after breakfast this morning, but I didn't want to feed him any medicine without instructions, so I gave him a Fever-aid which was effective in the beginning, but the fever came back later on and got worse, so Aunt Fang and I..."

She looked at Xi Xiaye apologetically. "I'm sorry, Sister-in-law..."

"Don't worry about it for now. Doctor, is there a way to help my son right now? He just won't stop crying. Please do something to relieve him of his fever!" Xi Xiaye looked really worried as she held Mu Xiaocheng in her arms although he still continued to cry. It was breaking her heart!

"I'll prepare to give him an IV drip." The doctor gave Mu Xiaocheng a glance before writing a prescription. "Go and queue up at the hall after paying at the counter!"

Aunt Fang instantly went to queue up while Xi Xiaye brought Mu Xiaocheng into the hall and sat down in a corner. Her face seemed pale.

"Don't worry too much about it. I'm sure Xiao Cheng will be fine. It's common for children to get sick during this season, but he'll get better soon," Mu Lingshi comforted her as she stroked her stomach. At times, she could feel the baby inside her slowly growing. Needless to say, she was really excited and looked forward to the arrival of her child.

Xi Xiaye nodded and took a deep breath. "Don't cry anymore, my child. I'm right here with you. Let me see. Is it that bad? You'll be fine soon, you'll be fine..."

"How is it?"

They heard the sound of hastened footsteps and the man appeared before them moments later.

"Brother, you're here!" Mu Lingshi stood up. If you like reading comics please visit ReadReadNovelFull.live

Mu Yuchen went towards Xi Xiaye and Mu Xiaocheng. He placed his hand onto Mu Xiaocheng's forehead, the high temperature immediately making him frown. He turned towards Mu Lingshi and asked, "What happened? That's a really high fever!"

"I'm sorry...I didn't expect it to be this serious. I should've sent him to the hospital earlier," Mu Lingshi apologized as guilt filled her.

“We’ll leave this matter for later. The nurse is coming now.”

A nurse came over with a cart and asked, “Mu Zicheng?”

Xi Xiaye nodded. “Yes.”

“We’ll put two bottles of IV drips on his leg.”

Xi Xiaye removed Mu Xiaocheng’s socks, revealing his little feet. He noticed something amiss and started kicking around, so she held him tighter.

Instantly, he cried out loud as the needle pierced his skin. He even kicked the nurse because she was unable to find his vein on the first try, so she pulled the needle out and tried again.

Mu Xiaocheng was crying even harder and Xi Xiaye could not bear to see him in his current state.

This nurse seemed to be a newcomer as she could not locate his vein after several tries. Mu Xiaocheng’s bawling became louder and his voice was getting hoarse. She switched from the left leg to the right leg.

Xi Xiaye then asked, “Can you be more precise? Be gentle, or else he...”

“Do you think I don’t want to find it? His veins are too fine. Can you please control your child? Don’t let him kick me anymore, or else I’ll have to do it again!” In her panic, the young nurse’s tone was a little harsh too.

Xi Xiaye already felt terrible and her eyes reddened after the nurse yelled at her. She turned to Mu Yuchen with a pitiful expression.

Mu Yuchen’s patience was at its lowest when he saw his wife and son like this. He spoke harshly to the nurse, “Can you mind your attitude? The child is already crying so badly. Call your supervisor here!” He then took Mu Xiaocheng away from Xi Xiaye.

The young nurse was stunned for a moment after getting yelled at. She raised her head and was shocked when she saw Mu Yuchen's dark expression. Fortunately, another nurse quickly came over and realized what was happening, so she quickly apologized, "I'm sorry. She's a new intern here and might not be very familiar. Let me do it. We're sorry!"

The nurse bent over and helped to find Mu Xiaocheng's vein. After successfully administering the IV drip, she apologized again before leaving.

Xi Xiaye blinked her teary eyes and looked over.

Chapter 1049. Distressed (2)

Mu Xiaocheng had fallen asleep in Mu Yuchen's arms, but his breathing still remained uneven.

Xi Xiaye put her hand on his forehead. "He still has a fever. When will it go down?"

He observed her frantic reaction and tidied up her messy hair a little as he comforted her, "It's going to be alright. Our son is the one who got poked by the needle, so why are you crying instead?" She glared at him before taking another look at Mu Xiao Cheng's legs again. She was heartbroken to see the prick marks.

"Your son is being hurt like this. Don't you feel anything?" She stared at Mu Yuchen in disbelief.

"I'm not the one who did that to him. Why are you looking at me like that? Of course, I feel bad." He then looked at Mu Xiao Cheng who was fast asleep.

Mu Lingshi chuckled as she observed their exchange. "Brother, Sister-in-law was really heartbroken just now. Stop it."

Relationships were amazing, especially among family members.

For some reason, Mu Lingshi felt hopeful when she looked at this happy family in front of her. Life was amazing. When she knew that she had a child inside her, she could easily relate to these gentle emotions and she wondered if she could become like them in the future.

All the parents in the world must really love their children, did they not? Alas, why were her parents so cold?

The siblings had been conceived and born so irresponsibly, then left alone for decades. Her biological father did not even plan to acknowledge her true identity. All this suddenly made her feel quite sorrowful.

Mu Lingshi was a little dazed as the scenes replayed in her mind again and again while she watched the trio before her. With warmth and coldness mixed together, creating a striking contrast, it was a heartbreaking moment for her. She promised herself to ensure that her child did not experience the same in the future. She wanted her children to have a warm childhood that both Ah Mo and her never had.

She placed one hand on her flat belly while her eyes teared up slightly, and the scar on her face did not seem so obvious anymore.

Xi Xiaye noticed the changes in Mu Lingshi when she turned over, so she took a deep breath and pulled at Mu Yuchen's sleeve slightly, signaling him to take a look at Mu Lingshi.

Mu Yuchen had mixed feelings when he noticed Mu Lingshi's expression. "Lingshi, you're pregnant. Don't stay here in the hospital for too long. I'll get Li Si to send you back. Otherwise, Grandmother might be worried about you."

His voice brought Mu Lingshi back to her senses.

"It's fine. Ah Quan drove me here. Grandfather and Grandmother went out to do something, so they might only be back by night. I haven't told them about Xiao Cheng yet because I didn't want them to worry," Mu Lingshi replied. [Read comics on our ReadReadNovelFull.live](#)

Ever since she met Gu Qiwu, she had been in a bad mood. Mu Yuchen's eyes suddenly turned cold as he said, "Ah Mo told me about what happened outside Entertainment City the other night. Believe me. I won't let you go through that ever again."

“Brother...” Mu Lingshi was stunned for a moment as she was not sure how to react.

“The Mu family will always back you up unless you want to walk away from us.” Mu Yuchen looked away from Mu Lingshi when he spoke and turned to his son instead.

“Brother...I know Lingtian betrayed you, but we will—”

“I don’t mind—” Mu Yuchen interrupted Mu Lingshi quickly. He put on a lonely smile that only Xi Xiaye noticed. “You have your own perspectives as well. I can only do what I think it’s the best. Li Si, please send her back.”

Li Si, who had been quiet this whole time, replied quickly, “Yes, Master! Ms. Lingshi, let’s go!”

Mu Lingshi paused as she looked at Mu Yuchen. When Xi Xiaye gave her a smile when she glanced at her, Mu Lingshi responded with a bitter smile as well. “Alright then, I’ll head home for now. I’ll tell Grandfather and Grandmother what happened when they get home.”

“Remember to give us a call once you got home,” Xi Xiaye reminded her.

Mu Lingshi then left.

Xi Xiaye took a deep breath as she watched Mu Lingshi walked towards the exit. Then, she turned towards her man and asked, “Don’t you think that Ah Shi will feel burdened when you say something like that to her?”

Mu Yuchen took a pause before he smiled. “She wouldn’t feel any better if I kept quiet either. Telling the truth might be comforting for her. I don’t want them to feel guilty since they deserve to live a free life.”

His smile dazzled Xi Xiaye, and she felt a little pained inside but did not know what to say.

“Xiaye?” he called out to her although he was looking at their son instead of her.

“Hmm?” Xi Xiaye replied as she looked at him intently.

“At moments like these, do you think that it’s tiring to be with me?”

Xi Xiaye shook her head almost instantly. “I’ve always felt close to heaven when I’m with you. Why would I be tired? I’d follow you anywhere.” She giggled.

Chapter 1050. Conversation Between Father And Daughter

He smiled at her gently.

“You’d follow me anywhere? That’s kind of creepy,” he teased her.

She smiled. “You couldn’t grasp the main point this time, could you?”

“What’s the main point?” He feigned ignorance.

“The point is, I...”

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Mu Lingshi did not expect to bump into Mu Tangchuan. His car was already waiting for her outside the moment she got out of the hospital, and Ah Quan was there as well.

“Father? Why are you here?” Mu Lingshi was surprised to see Mu Tangchuan.

Mu Tangchuan seemed calm and collected and usual as he looked at Mu Lingshi. “It just so happened that I was nearby. The butler called and I came over to take a look. Is Xiao Cheng alright?”

“He’s fine. Brother and Sister-in-law are both with him, they told me to head back first.”

Mu Tangchuan nodded. “That’s great. Get into the car. I have something to talk to you about.”

She was stunned for a moment, but she then nodded and entered the car. They went to a park and sat down in a quiet corner.

“Father, is it about Brother?” Mu Lingshi asked right away as they sat down.

Mu Tangchuan did not usually get himself involved with things like these. Since he was the calmest among the Mu family members, Mu Lingshi never doubted his ability. However, because he initiated the conversation this time, he must be worried about something.

“It’s not about him, it’s about you,” Mu Tangchuan said quietly as he observed Mu Lingshi’s expression, “I’m sure you’ve found out about your own identity. Despite everything, you must know that your mother and I have been taking care of you as if you’re our biological daughter.”

“I know, Father, you’ve both treated us very well, and even neglected Brother for our sake. I’m really grateful for what you’ve done, but we’ve disappointed everyone, especially Lingtian...” Mu Lingshi’s voice sounded hoarse as she was feeling guilty.

“I’m not talking about the past. I just want to know what you have in mind for the future? No matter what, you’re actually Gu Qiwu’s daughter, and that’s a fact, whether you’ll admit it or not. Your mother and I won’t have any complaints if you want to reunite with him since it’s your right. I just hope that you can come back to visit us from time to time. We will miss you dearly,” Mu Tangchuan said gently. He really doted on Mu Lingshi, and due to Mu Zi’s influence, he actually gave her most of his affection.

Stunned, Mu Lingshi quickly shook her head and grabbed his sleeve. “Father, I won’t leave you two. I won’t leave the Mu family! So what if I know? I don’t care about the Gu family at all!”

“Lingshi, I’m afraid it’s not up to you whether you care or not.” Mu Tangchuan stared deep into her eyes. “Did Gu Qiwu come into contact with you?”

“I met him once outside of Entertainment City,” she replied quietly.

Mu Tangchuan smiled. “He frequently visited Entertainment City a while ago. I’ve known it for some time already. I suppose you know why he goes there too. I guess he’s trying to show his consideration

for you. I'm not going to say much. I just want to know if the same thing that happened between Lingtian and Ah Chen won't happen again with you, will it?"

Mu Lingshi was startled by his question. "Father, what do you mean?"

He looked deep into her eyes instead of answering. Then, he focused on the reflection of lights on the pond. "Have you ever blamed Ah Chen?"

She quickly shook her head. "No! Father, I've never once blamed Brother. I probably would've made the same decisions as him if I were him. Ah Mo and I both knew what happened from the beginning to the end, so I really don't blame him."

"However, a lot of people, including Gu Qiwu push the blame onto Ah Chen though it's great that you thought about it. Alright, that's all that I wanted to say. Let's go back."

Although Mu Lingshi could sense that Mu Tangchuan had something on his mind even though he was not voicing it out, but she would not ask about it. Mu Tangchuan's personality was similar to Mu Yuchen's. They would not speak a word about the matters they did not want to talk about.

After Mu Xiaocheng's treatment was done, the sun was already setting, and the evening sun colored the sky gold.

Mu Yuchen had his son in one arm while holding his phone with his other hand. They walked towards the exit while Xi Xiaye followed beside him.

"Master, Missus!"

Li Si did not send Mu Lingshi back due to Mu Tangchuan's sudden appearance, so he had been waiting outside this whole time. He rushed up to them and voiced out his concern, "Is Young Master alright?"

"He's fine. The fever has gone down. Let's go back now." Mu Yuchen handed his phone to his wife beside him and she quickly took it.

Mu Yuchen carefully sat inside the car with Mu Xiaocheng in his arms while Xi Xiaye bent over slightly and slid in as well.

The sun had almost set when they arrived home. Xi Xiaye told Mu Yuchen to bring their son upstairs while she went into the kitchen.

Mu Yuchen only left the bedroom after Mu Xiaocheng had fallen asleep peacefully. Li Si had been waiting in the living room for quite a while and he went up to Mu Yuchen as soon as he saw him.
“Master!”

“Let’s talk in the study room.” Mu Yuchen then went towards the study room as Li Si followed him.

“Master, Ms. Lingshi met Minister Mu outside the hospital just now,” Li Si said quietly.

“Father?” Mu Yuchen frowned slightly as he asked, “What happened?”

Li Si knotted his brows as well. “Maybe he heard something.”

Mu Yuchen nodded. “That’s the only possible explanation. Make an appointment with Gu Qiwu at 4 p.m. this Friday by the South River bank. I have something to talk to him about.”

“Yes, Master!”