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### Chapter 1051

#### 1051 I'm Begging You! 1

Gu Lingsha was obviously unhappy that Xi Xiaye had pulled such a shady trick on her. These past two days, the staff from the Materials Department kept calling her to ask about the situation on the materials.

That evening, Gu Lingsha had finally finished organizing the piled up documents when Secretary Qin knocked to enter.

"Manager Gu, Manager Lee from the Materials Department called again to rush us. That batch of materials can only last till the day after tomorrow at most. If we still can't get the materials, then I'm afraid we'll have to put the work on hold. The people from the government might be coming soon for an inspection too. CEO Qi especially reminded us that we must show them our best selves," Secretary Qin reported in panic.

After she was defeated at Xi Xiaye's a few days ago, Gu Lingsha had been extremely upset. She had been asking around, but no one could provide such a huge amount of stock. In fact, it was also the rainy season on the southwest, hence the transporting of the materials itself would have been a problem. Otherwise, she would not have asked Hua Heng for the materials. She also would not have thought that Xi Xiaye would do something to it!

Gu Lingsha slammed the document hard onto the table, feeling frustrated. "Stop rushing me every few days. Tell them all to calm down. I'll resolve the whole materials problem soon."

"But Manager Gu..."

"Go! Stop being long-winded!"

Secretary Qin left, feeling a little terrified.

Gu Lingsha combed through her hair a little defeatedly. She thought about it for a long while, and then finally could not help but pick up her phone to make a call.

Yep, she was calling Qi Lei.

When he had a good look at who was calling, Qi Lei had just returned from City B and was on the way back to the Grand Lakes Villa area.

“Master Qi, it’s a call from Manager Gu!” Because he thought that Qi Lei was too engrossed in the scenery outside the car window, Yang Sheng gave him a nudge.

Narrowing his eyes, Qi Lei turned over and picked up his phone before hanging up immediately and switching his phone off.

“Have dinner here tonight. We still have to arrange some of the materials. I’ve got a morning meeting tomorrow, and I don’t want those people to find fault with me again,” Qi Lei calmly said, ignoring the phone call.

Nodding, Yang Sheng silently set the documents aside and put them into his briefcase as he said, “Master Qi, VP Wang’s Butler Xu from the Hai Tian Villa is quite good. His craftsmanship is quite skillful too. In fact, he was by VP Wang’s side for many years. How about we get him to come over and take care of you? You forget to eat once you get too wrapped up in your work. Be careful not to overwork yourself,” Yang Sheng said in concern as he glanced at Qi Lei for permission.

Upon hearing that, Qi Lei fell silent for a bit and finally nodded in agreement. “You’ve been recommending him to me quite a bit all the while. Since Butler Xu’s quite good, get him to come over and bring a servant or two too. The house’s too empty, and there are many things that require handling too.”

Qi Lei was certainly relieved. He had not been willing to let others intrude into his personal space before this, yet over time, he had become more open, especially since his career was slowly picking up in recent times. Furthermore, he had been progressing well and was not as sluggish as before.

When he heard Qi Lei's response, Yang Sheng was surprised. He stared at Qi Lei in bewilderment as if he was looking at an alien.

Qi Lei responded to his shocked expression with a cold glare. "What expression is that? Is something wrong?"

Upon hearing that, Yang Sheng suddenly smiled and said cheerfully, "Nothing! Nothing! I just find that you've been doing well recently, Master Qi. It's like you've become much more cheerful too. If VP Wang could see this, she would definitely be very happy!"

"She won't see it anymore!" Qi Lei suddenly sighed, then silently turned to look out of the window again. "When work's more stable, I'll go visit her. I'll tell her about all my hard work. I'm sure she'd be very happy."

"Master Qi, if you get VP Wang a daughter-in-law, I'm sure she'd be even happier! Master Qi, don't you think that CEO Sun's heiress daughter that you met on the trip, Sun Jing, is quite a woman? She's elegant and magnanimous without losing her quick-witted charm. She's practically a great wife candidate! In fact, I can see that she's quite into you! There's also Miss Fang who's already an entrepreneur at such a young age. Even though she's a little older than you, you know how the saying goes: 'a wife three years older than the husband guarantees a richer life'," Yang Sheng immediately started to ramble on and on.

"A richer life? How about I immediately help you matchmake and get someone for you to be their son-in-law?" Yang Sheng had not finished when Qi Lei shot him a sinister look.

Yang Sheng then stopped, not daring to utter another sound.

The car very quickly drove into the Grand Lakes Villa area while the sky had already darkened outside right now. Both sides of the cemented path were already lit with rows of streetlights.

They drove through the bent trail, then the car stopped at the entrance of a villa.

Before Qi Lei got down from the car, Yang Sheng's surprised voice came through. "Master Qi, look, isn't that Manager Gu?"

Qi Lei looked up subconsciously. Underneath the streetlight before his door, Gu Lingsha was standing there quietly with her handbag in her hand. When she saw the car headlights, she glanced up towards them too.

“Why is she here?” Qi Lei frowned and muttered.

Yang Sheng recalled that Qi Lei had just hung up on her call earlier, so he replied, “There’s probably something urgent.”

“She’s got quite a source to know that I’d be back today!” Qi Lei said, then pushed the door open to get down before Yang Sheng followed.

When Gu Lingsha saw Qi Lei, she quickly went up to him anxiously. “Lei, you’re back!”

“Manager Gu!” Yang Sheng greeted her politely.

“It’s so late. Why are you here?” Qi Lei squinted at Gu Lingsha and then said coldly as he took out his keys.

“I’ve got something urgent to talk to you about!” Gu Lingsha looked slightly tense. She could not bother much as she held back the anxiety in her heart and looked at him silently.

Upon seeing Gu Lingsha so uptight, Qi Lei paused and looked at her to ask uninterestedly, “Is it a work matter or a private matter? If it’s personal, I’ve got nothing to say. If it’s work, then wait till I get to work tomorrow. I’m tired.”

“No, Qi Lei, I need to talk to you about it today. The project can’t wait. Please let me in and let’s talk first. I think you won’t just let me stand here and beg you, will you?”

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Qi Lei squinted at Gu Lingsha. "Looks like it's work then. Let's talk about it tomorrow. I don't want to talk about work now."

As he was about to enter through the door, Gu Lingsha reached out to stop him. "Hold on! Okay, I'll keep it short then. You should know how important the South River Project No. 1 is to Qi Kai. Fuhua has taken away the materials that I've negotiated for with Hua Heng. When I went over, I found out that Fuhua's new CEO is actually Xi Xiaye! Have you known about this for a while now?"

Upon hearing that, Qi Lei's gaze darkened. He stared at her fair hands that gripped his sleeves and did not answer her question. She met his gaze and took in all of his hostility, then she let go of him.

"The project you have doesn't seem to have anything to do with me. In fact, we're working in the same field. Shouldn't you be having ears everywhere?" Qi Lei's intentions were clear.

"Now isn't the time to be looking into these things. The people from the government are going to be coming over for inspection of the project in the early stages soon. Right now, our materials can only last us till the day after tomorrow at most. Initially, I settled it with Hua Heng, so the materials should have been here by now. I think you wouldn't want to see Qi Kai fall into such a predicament either, would you?"

"I don't think I can help you with this one. After all, I'm not in charge of the materials!" Qi Lei answered calmly.

"No, you can help me! I know that Fuhua's hoarded quite a bit of the supplies in City Z. She took the materials in City B from Hua Heng to develop the Movies and Television base with Glory World. However, based on what I know, Fuhua has long prepared for it, and they're stored at Fuhua's storeroom in City Z. Xi Xiaye's only doing that because she wants to make life difficult for me. She wants to beg her, but I won't!" Gu Lingsha insisted.

"So, you're planning to get me to talk to Xi Xiaye and tell her to give you the materials?"

"Not give me, give Qi Kai! I already explained this to Uncle Qi, but I thought that perhaps I should look for you personally, so you won't have any misunderstandings towards Uncle Qi. I've also begged Uncle Qi to get you to ask for these materials from Xi Xiaye. We're willing to get them for a higher cost from her," she frankly laid it all out.

“Get it from Xiaye? You underestimate me! If I don’t say yes to you today, are you planning on letting me go?”

“Yes! If you won’t agree, Uncle Qi will look for you personally, and those shareholders will highly recommend you to him too. You’re a part of Qi Kai, so you should be well aware that if Uncle Qi asks you to do this, you’ll have to do it. I just didn’t want this incident to make your relationship fall into a tough situation again. That’s why I came here today. Consider this as me begging you to help me out with this! For the sake of our past relationship, this request shouldn’t be too hard for you!”

Gu Lingsha’s eyes were sincere. She knew very well that the Qi Lei right now was far different from before. He would not take either approach, only by conversing like this, he might accept.

For the sake of their past relationship? The words flashed in Qi Lei’s mind, and a mocking curve lifted at the corner of his mouth. “If I agree to this one thing, will all our past come to an end and you won’t bring it up to me again?” To her shock, his aloof eyes were fixed on her.

Then, a light flashed in her eyes as she nodded without hesitating. “Yes! If you agree to me this one time, I’ll never bring up the past again! You’re just Qi Lei, the Second Master of the Qi family while I’m your brother’s wife, your sister-in-law. Are you happy now?”

Qi Lei smiled calmly and nodded. “Yes, I agree to talk to Xiaye, but from today onwards, we don’t owe each other anything anymore.”

“Alright, that’s settled then!” Gu Lingsha answered firmly without a hint of hesitation.

The smile on the corner of Qi Lei’s mouth suddenly turned downward. “Turns out that’s all that was to you. Gu Lingsha, you’re the same as Qi Feng! I’m suddenly a little grateful. I’m thankful that we didn’t have fate back then. Otherwise, right now...”

He did not continue as he took large steps forward and walked past her coldly.

Gu Lingsha’s expression turned pale at that instant. She subconsciously whipped around to look at Qi Lei who had walked towards the door, suddenly feeling a little dejected. After struggling for a while, she

then suddenly shouted to him, "Qi Lei, I'm getting married to Qi Feng soon. The wedding will be next week on Sunday. I hope that you'll be able to make time and come home..."

"That's your home, not mine. My home..." Qi Lei suddenly stopped to look up at the silent villa before him and continued softly, "My home is right here. Don't worry. Even if I can't be there, my gift will be."

With that, his tall figure vanished through the doorway.

"Qi Lei!" Gu Lingsha could not help but call out to him, but he did not answer.

"Manager Gu, I think you should go home first. Master Qi's just landed and he's very tired. You have to be considerate about him too!" Yang Sheng could not help saying because he began to feel the injustice on behalf of Qi Lei.

When Gu Lingsha heard his appeal, her expression froze.

Bam!

The door closed hard, slamming on Gu Lingsha's heart.

Bam!

Thud!

The lights in the villa had just lit up when Yang Sheng, who followed his boss from behind, immediately heard the sound of things being tossed. Then came the sound of ceramic shattering. He quickly walked up and noticed that the two decorative vases on the rack by the porch had already shattered to pieces all over the floor.

Qu Lei looked calmly at the mess before him, then slowly took off his coat before hurling it to the ground. "Tidy up a little, then prepare dinner," he said bitterly and went upstairs.

Yang Sheng could not help but call out softly, "Master Qi..."

"Call me again when dinner's ready. I'm sure that I'll be able to defeat that Swift Snowy on the ranks. Only I have the right to be your husband!" Qi Lei snapped before he seemed to trudge upstairs, full of fighting spirit!

Swift Snowy?

The right to be someone's husband?

Upon hearing this, Yang Sheng remembered that Master Qi seemed to be quite addicted to a game. He even heard that he fancied the number one mysterious master of the service area whom he kept calling his wife!

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He then went upstairs right away.

Yang Sheng looked at the empty staircase and put on a wry smile. He put the briefcase away before taking off his coat to clean up the mess before him and then continued to cook.

Qi Lei removed his necktie the moment he entered his room. He got himself a glass of water and took several sips as he sat down in his chair and switched the computer on. He stared at an avatar icon right after he logged in, but the icon was grayed out.

"Still not online yet?" Qi Lei mumbled to himself. He waited for a little longer, and as though they had some kind of connection with each other, the icon lit up after a second. Immediately, Qi Lei put his cup aside and clicked on the chatbox icon as he swiftly typed.

Eastern Gust: "My dear, you're back!"

An angry emoji was sent right back!



Swift Snowy: "Shut up! I'm not your wife! I'll end you if you keep spreading such rumors!"

Eastern Gust: "Don't be so mad. Everyone in the server knows that you're my wife. You can go far just by saying that you're my woman. Ranking the top in the server means nothing because I'll finish him later!"

Swift Snowy: "Please, please don't joke around anymore. I'm a guy. I'm actually a guy! Any girl would suit you better than me!"

Eastern Gust: "It's okay. I like you, Swift Snowy. Your gender doesn't matter."

Swift Snowy: "Damn...you sure have a wide sexual palette, huh? But I can't be your wife!"

Eastern Gust: "You have to. With the two of us...hey, where are you going?"

Qi Lei gave chase when Swift Snowy ran away!

Swift Snowy was an interesting person. As he interacted with the characters in the game, Qi Lei was able to get a grasp of her personality. Straightforward and decisive, she was a low-profile, top-skilled player on their server. The server rumors said that she was the most beautiful woman!

Qi Lei was very interested in her and even sent people to investigate her in real life. He then found out that this person was actually a woman who owned an antique shop and had received a doctorate degree in archeology at a young age. She was young, and most importantly, a stunner, a really pretty one at that!

Some people in the group seemed to have cracked the password into her profile and saw her photo! Others said she returned home not too long after her graduation. Qi Lei tried to sniff her out before and discovered that she might be taking up the position as a part-time lecturer at University A in City Z. People also mentioned that she was an expert at computers and might actually be a hacker!

It was a first for Qi Lei to show so much interest towards a woman. Swift Snowy's mysterious nature, both in-game and in real life piqued his curiosity. He would be finding out her antique shop's address in two days, and he could not wait to meet her.

Despite inviting her out countless times, she rejected him every time, so he felt more and more defeated! He believed that his charm could bowl over this woman.

After a while of chasing, the avatar icon grayed out. She was avoiding him just as she had been recently!

Second Master Qi almost smashed his keyboard!

Yang Sheng knocked on the door and did not hear a reply. Instead, he only heard the game music from inside along with some loud clacking on the keyboard, so he then walked in.

He noticed Qi Lei sat in front of the computer with a darkened expression. He looked like he was mad at something.

Assuming that Qi Lei was still angry about what happened with Gu Lingsha just now, he said, "Master Qi, Manager Gu just panicked because of the work urgency. Maybe we can discuss with Manager Wang and see how we can sort this out, but I do think Director Xi will agree to help if you talk to her."

Qi Lei did not reply after Yang Sheng spoke. Since he still seemed dissatisfied, Yang Sheng then continued, "We can only comply after you've made a promise, or else the stakeholders will kick a fuss later. Should I contact Director Xi right away?"

"I don't care about that! Go and investigate this person for me. I want her information as soon as possible!" Qi Lei then handed a piece of paper to Yang Sheng.

Yang Sheng was stunned for a moment, but he took the piece of paper and his eyes widened. "Swift Snowy? Master Qi, do you want to find out about her?"

"Yes! I want to know exactly who she is!" Qi Lei suddenly stood up.

Yang Sheng quickly nodded. "Yes, I'll send someone to work on it right away!"

They then went downstairs for dinner. After a quick dinner, they started preparing the documents needed for tomorrow's meeting. When Yang Sheng left, it was already 11 p.m.

Qi Lei took a quick shower, then he recalled his conversation with Gu Lingsha when he sat down on his bed. He was silent in thought for a while before dialing a number.

Xi Xiaye was making amendments to the proposal submitted by the Planning Department when she received his call. She answered it without looking at the caller ID.

"Xiaye, it's me!" Qi Lei's voice startled Xi Xiaye a little, and the man opposite her glanced over as well.

"Qi Lei? Why are you still up?" Xi Xiaye replied.

Qi Lei ran his fingers through his hair. "I found Gu Lingsha outside my house when I returned home just now."

Xi Xiaye could guess what he wanted to tell her. "Did she want you to talk to me?"

"It's not just her. Qi Qiming and the other stakeholders would've left this mess to me anyway. I can guess what you're trying to do, but I won't cooperate if I don't get any benefits, so I'll leave that up to you." Qi Lei burst out in his iconic wicked laugh, making Xi Xiaye smile.

"You're getting more and more cunning now."

"That's what businessmen do! When's a good time to go and meet you?" Qi Lei got down to business.

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Xi Xiaye closed her eyes and replied, "Meet me in my office at 3 p.m. tomorrow. We'll discuss it."

Qi Lei went silent for a moment before nodding. "Alright, see you tomorrow."

"See you tomorrow." Xi Xiaye then hung up.

"Is this about the materials?" Mu Yuchen's voice reached her the moment she put her phone away.

Xi Xiaye saved her file and switched off the laptop as she replied, "Mmm, Gu Lingsha came to look for me before, so I knew she was going to make Qi Lei come and ask for them from me, as expected."

She got up and slowly walked towards him. Mu Yuchen raised his eyebrows and just looked at her before he moved over slightly and made space for her.

Xi Xiaye sat down beside him and grabbed the glass of water to drink some. He said, "That's a pretty big deal. Nevertheless, be bold about this. Grandpa and Hua Heng made them pay a huge price the last time. You could use the same trick again. I realize you've been enlightened, taking your sweet revenge now, hmm?"

She grinned and put the glass of water away. "Aren't you worried that I might become a wicked woman?"

"A wicked woman with a despicable man—the best match ever."

Xi Xiaye was satisfied with his straightforward answer. "People don't usually diss themselves, do they? I'm just trying to pay back for what she did to me. By the way, is there any progress with Lingshi's matter? I heard from Li Si that you wanted to see Gu Qiwu and even asked him to prepare a new DNA report. Are you about to tell Grandfather and Grandmother?"

Mu Yuchen took a pause and looked down. "Mmm, I'm ready to tell them. I'll decide how I should face Gu Qiwu after the meeting this time around. Things will be easy if I find his attitude acceptable, but I'll have to take some special measures if he doesn't cooperate." His tone was grim while his eyes seemed firm.

“You’re going to...” Xi Xiaye examined his handsome face carefully. “Do you want him to announce that Lingshi is his daughter? I don’t think that’s very likely. It’s been several decades. He would’ve done it if he intended to. I heard Gu Qiwu loves his wife very much, and Doris isn’t an easy character, so that might not be the best way to approach this.”

“Do you have any better ideas?” Mu Yuchen quickly grasped the nuance in her eyes, so he raised his eyebrows in expectation of something from her.

She gave him a mysterious smile and whispered beside his ear. Moments later, Mu Yuchen smirked as he put one hand over her shoulder.

“What do you think?” She blinked her eyes and was looking forward to his reply.

Mu Yuchen chuckled. “That’s not bad. We share the same thoughts.”

Xi Xiaye smiled as she grabbed his hand. “There’s no need to worry too much. We’ll find a way in the end.”

He put his other hand onto hers in response. “You just reminded me that I should probably prepare them a huge gift for their wedding!”

“That’s what comes after, and I’ll leave that to you. Meanwhile, I’ll do my best to gather more information.” Xi Xiaye closed the file in front of him. “It’s getting late now. Let’s go to bed.”

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At 3 p.m. the next day, in the CEO of Fuhua Property’s office.

Qi Lei arrived on time. Xi Xiaye was discussing the amendments of a budget proposal with Lan Zilang, but he quickly halted the conversation and left the room when he saw that Qi Lei had arrived.

“Have a seat. I’ve been expecting you.” Xi Xiaye got up and pointed at the sofa opposite her while her assistant, Xiao Mei, prepared two cups of tea for them.

Qi Lei made himself comfortable on the sofa and took a sip of the tea. “Are you drinking Mao Jian tea now? I remember Mu Yuchen insisted on you drinking Pu Er tea only since he said it’s good for your stomach.”

“I like this tea recently. Anyway, you seem like you’re in a rush. Is everything done over there?” Xi Xiaye took a sip from her cup of tea as she asked him.

Qi Lei nodded as he put on a gentle smile. “It’s almost there. We’ll be able to start filming after some time. Don’t worry because the other stages of progress won’t be affected.”

“Chen Ye Movies and Television consists of the elites you built up, so there’s no need for you to worry. I’ve also heard from Vice President Liu that things are getting better slowly. You’ll only be getting more and more powerful from now on, especially with this rare chance that you get this time. Since you’re handling all the projects in City B right now, it should be easy for you to operate,” Xi Xiaye said.

“My mother’s former colleagues are taking care of things over here. A lot of matters are getting on track right now, so everything will be done after I’m done with the preparation.” Qi Lei raised his head and looked at her. “What happened with Gu Lingsha? She gave me this document after our meeting this morning and I’ve looked through it.”

Qi Lei handed a document to Xi Xiaye who put down her cup and took a glance at it. She then went towards her own bookshelf and took a folder out.

“Take a look at this. I did snatch the materials away as our development over there actually needs them. Qi Kai didn’t sign any contract with Hua Heng. I offered the same price as Qi Kai and even saved Hua Heng the transportation fees, so just think about what you’d do if you were CEO Hua,” she explained.

Qi Lei glanced at Xi Xiaye before taking the folder from her.

She continued, "Of course, I won't deny that I'm doing this out of personal reasons. She has never been nice to me, and I feel like she'll continue to think she can look down on me if I don't do something. Nevertheless, I won't complain if you're on her side this time."

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When Xi Xiaye boldly admitted what she did, Qi Lei looked at her meaningfully and chuckled. "I thought you'd tell me you're only doing this for business' sake and there'd be no personal feelings involved."

"You're a smart man, so I should admit to my crime before you expose me." Xi Xiaye sighed before she said coldly, "I'm sure you know about the conflict between Gu Lingsha and me, and these conflicts exist because of the past, including the incident during my wedding with Mu Yuchen, Su Nan's incident, and Ruan Heng still being unconscious at the moment...even my child, he almost...Let's just say I have plenty of reasons to hate her."

"I've been holding myself back from telling you about all these due to your relationship with her. As a friend, I don't want you to feel awkward between us. However, I'm not surprised that she asked you to talk to me about this. I just wanted to prove something," Xi Xiaye said.

Qi Lei smiled bitterly. "And it's proven that I only have this much value. Actually, I already knew that even without you doing this, everything has changed over the years for both of us."

Xi Xiaye returned his smile and said kindly, "I'm sure that a lot of things will change. After all, different environments nurture different abilities which then affect one's personality. I've mentioned before that I feel extremely relatable towards you because we share similar experiences. That's why I kind of understand how you feel."

"However, it'll get better once you let go of it. Those who are truly strong possess the courage to face their past and bid their farewell. There's no need for you to hesitate anymore. I suppose I should stop here since you probably know what I mean. Let's talk about the materials."

Xi Xiaye paused when she noticed Qi Lei's expression freeze. She flipped through the document he brought her again. "Gu Lingsha is right. Our storage does indeed have these materials stocked up, but there's a shortage of it in the market at the moment. Regardless of that, we have plans to keep them and they are not meant for sale."

Qi Lei was impressed with Xi Xiaye's straightforwardness. He closed the document and smiled. "Sure! Tell me your terms and I'll pass on the message. Of course, I'll be sure to tell them how much effort I put in to convince you."

"I'll consider it if Qi Kai offers 20% more than the price that was offered to Hua Heng. There are a lot of these materials and they need to be prepared in batches. If you're able to convince them, the 20% belongs to you. What do you think?" Xi Xiaye grinned as she glanced at him.

Qi Lei's eyes widened in surprise. "I get all of that extra 20%? You're not earning anything then, are you?"

"Why not? They are very focused on South River Project No. 2 right now, and you're having some issues with funds now too, aren't you?" She smiled back at him.

Qi Lei paused, seeming confused. "How do you know that I'm having some financial difficulties?"

"It's not really a secret. Just take this chance and grab the money since it belongs to Qi Kai anyway. I'm just giving them back to you. That's all I have to say. I guess it won't be difficult to convince them. They understand the value of South River Project No. 2 once it's been completed, so they won't let go of this chance," Xi Xiaye said confidently.

Qi Lei went quiet for a moment before asking, "Why are you helping me like this? I can find ways on my own too."

Xi Xiaye paused before she let out a giggle and shook her head. "It's not just to help you. I'm helping myself too."

She took a sip from the cup of tea before she continued, "I told you that I want to take revenge. Coincidentally, this could make them panic a little and lose focus, drawing their attention towards us, so that you'll have more space to work with. You're my friend, and I promised CEO Wang to look after you."

In a daze, Qi Lei stared at the woman who was smiling before him while he felt a warmth inside his heart as if he was being embraced by an encompassing light. At that moment, he sighed. "Sometimes I really



wish I could've met you guys earlier. Then, I wouldn't have had to waste my time before. It was really a dark period."

"It's never too late. You should go back and discuss with them now. It's up to you whether you can convince them or not, I have no other questions."

"To be frank, I can't possibly just take all that benefit alone."

"Think about it again after you've successfully convinced them. By the way, Qi Feng and Gu Lingsha's wedding is happening soon. Take some time off and go back so that they don't give you so much attention."

"Understood. Alright, I'll head back for now. I'll probably be able to give you a reply, the latest by tomorrow afternoon," Qi Lei said as he stood up.

"Okay. Speaking of which, I have a question for you." Xi Xiaye suddenly remembered something she wanted to ask.

Qi Lei raised his eyebrows. "What is it?"

"I heard that Gu Lingsha got into a fight with her mother, Doris. Do you...?" Xi Xiaye lowered her voice, trying to get something out of him.

"Doris?" Qi Lei laughed. "I must have forgotten to tell you if you hadn't mentioned it. Doris actually isn't very supportive of their marriage. She's an extremist and her relationship with Gu Lingsha has been pretty rough ever since she ignored her advice and gave birth to Qi Weier. They never asked for Doris's opinion on their marriage as well. Just wait and see. We're in for a good show."

He then packed his things and left.

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Qi Lei soon vanished out of the door.

Xi Xiaye propped one hand on her table and watched the door. Then, she slowly moved to sit back down on her chair and took a deep breath before she turned to look out at the gloomy horizon, her elegant face seeming a little dazed.

“Such a short chat?” Lan Zilang’s voice was very quickly heard from behind.

Xi Xiaye turned back very quickly and responded, “Uncle Lan.”

“I think Qi Lei’s been pretty good, especially recently. He feels much calmer now. Elder CEO has admired him since back then. He said that if he takes more time to be disciplined, he can definitely be an expert!” Lan Zilang was not stingy with his praises.

“I hope he won’t let us down.” Xi Xiaye smiled calmly.

“How’s Elder CEO doing? I haven’t been in contact with him for quite a few days now. He should be having fun in France right now, isn’t he?” Lan Zilang handed the blueprint to Xi Xiaye as he asked with concern.

“He’s doing pretty good. He’s walking around and not rushing either. These past few days, he’s been sending quite a few photos back. Seeing the smile on his face, I feel like he looks much younger now. There’s still half a month to go, so I’ll let them have fun,” she responded light-heartedly. Then, she took over the blueprint and said, “Right, Uncle Lan, just release the materials in the warehouse in batches as we agreed before.”

“Got it!” Lan Zilang replied, “Miss Xiaye, since you’re at this point, why don’t you just ignore it? That way, you could get Gu Lingsha in more trouble. You could even affect their decision to get married.”

Xi Xiaye smirked, then slowly leaned back against her chair. “Things won’t be so simple. It’s still the government behind the South River Project No. 2. Businesses don’t fight with the government. When they actually get the government to intervene, then that would cause a huge problem and it won’t be good, so this time we can only reprimand them a little. Firstly, it was to help Qi Lei, and secondly, it was good to make Gu Lingsha anxious and kill her vibe a little. That way, she’ll learn.”

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Qi Lei returned to Qi Kai as quickly as he could. Right now, it was almost time for work to end.

Inside Qi Qiming's comfortable office, Qi Qiming was discussing project matters with several shareholders and Gu Lingsha when suddenly, there was a knock on the door followed by a loud crash as the door was flung open. Qi Lei's tall figure entered their sight as he entered with huge strides with a document in hand.

"Qi Lei!"

When Gu Lingsha saw Qi Lei, her beautiful face quickly flashed with joy.

Bam!

Qi Lei tossed the document onto Qi Qiming's table as his calm voice said coolly, "Fuhua's request conditions are right there for you to work with. If you agree, then I can persuade them to dispatch the materials as soon as possible. Otherwise, my hands are tied."

Upon hearing that, Gu Lingsha took the document impatiently from the table and flipped through it. However, soon, her expression darkened.

"It's 20% higher than usual! Xi Xiaye! She's too much! Why doesn't she just rob us? Is she trying to loot a burning house?" Gu Lingsha growled while her hands that gripped the document trembled in anger.

She was clearly digging a hole for her to fall into! What a horrid woman!

With the racket of Gu Lingsha's curses, Qi Qiming and the few other shareholders exchanged looks and quickly took over the document. Immediately, their expressions changed!

“Good on you, Xi Xiaye! Stepping over me now, huh?! This must be her collaborating with that sly fox from Hua Heng to scam us!”

“Yes, CEO Qi, Hua Heng is too disrespectful towards Qi Kai! We sincerely want to do business with them, but they keep fooling us like monkeys!”

“Repulsive! I heard that Shen Yue and Hua Heng are actually really good friends. This might be them joining hands to trouble us!”

The few of them looked at the document and begun to complain.

Qi Qiming’s expression was stern, those darkened eyes were fixated on the conditions stated on the document, he looked extremely unhappy.

“All’s fair in love and war. I’m not trying to say anything, but shouldn’t you investigate the partners thoroughly before going into business with them? I’ve already gotten someone to check. Right now, if we want to get these materials in the speediest way, it’s really tough. Look at the weather right now. It’s already getting dark. This time, with the typhoon, it’s only going to make things worse in the southwest. You can consider your next steps yourself since I’ve already done my best,” Qi Lei sighed as he said in a slightly low tone.

Gu Lingsha’s eyes suddenly shifted. She seemed to be looking at Qi Lei with a questioning look, yet he just lowered his gaze calmly. Before he turned around, ready to leave the office, he said, “You can discuss among yourselves. If you agree to it, then let me know. I told Fuhua’s people that I’ll give them an answer by tomorrow afternoon.”

At this moment, Gu Lingsha suddenly called out to him, “VP Qi!”

Qi Lei abruptly stopped walking although he did not turn back as he asked in a deep voice, “Anything else, Manager Gu?”

“Are you sure that you’ve fought hard for it? Xi Xiaye’s clearly demanding an exorbitant price! Didn’t you see the conditions on the document? Did you actually bring these back for us to discuss? VP Qi, are your capabilities only as such?” Gu Lingsha’s tone sounded rather sharp with a hint of unhappiness.

Upon hearing that, Qi Lei was pissed off. He sneered and turned to look at her, “Manager Gu, do you have any idea who you’re talking to right now? I’m the Vice President of Qi Kai! Your superior! Do you understand? Bloody hell, how dare you talk to me in that tone? Who do you think you are? What are you relying on? Our past relationship or as the future daughter-in-law of the Qi family? Have you forgotten what you said yesterday? If you want to act all high and mighty, wait till you’ve married into the Qi family before challenging me!”

Qi Lei was really furious this time. After Gu Lingsha got involved with Xi Xiaye and Mu Yuchen, she had become a mad woman that he was fed up with!

Gu Lingsha was shocked by Qi Lei’s reaction. She looked extremely horrified and was suddenly speechless.

“You know very well yourself how things have ended up the way they are right now! Don’t keep blaming it on others. It was you who was wrong first! Gu Lingsha, if you continue being like this, then you really are beyond saving!”

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Qi Lei lowered himself slightly and whispered to Gu Lingsha.

Gu Lingsha’s expression turned stiff as she looked at Qi Lei in bewilderment. She was about to say something when Qi Lei had already straightened up and walked to the door. Before his tall figure very quickly vanished out of the doorway, he said, “Let me know when you’ve finalized your discussion.”

All of them looked terrible. Even the light that gathered in Qi Qiming’s eyes shifted as well. The few shareholders thought about it for a moment, then suggested.

“CEO Qi, what do we do? Fuhua’s shameless! I think it must be Shen Yue’s idea! Even the last time when Hua Heng sold us the land for the South River project, it might have been them pulling tricks too. Shen Yue and Hua Heng have a good relationship, so they might be the ones behind that last incident!”

“Yes, CEO Qi, we have to consider this matter at length!”

“Inform the manager. Tell them to come to the meeting room right away!” Qi Qiming said in a low, dangerous voice.

“Alright, we’ll do so right away!”

Then, the few of them left Qi Qiming’s office very quickly.

Gu Lingsha snapped back from her trance. When she turned around, she realized that Qi Qiming was looking at her. Something flashed in her eyes, then she silently lowered her eyes and said softly, “Uncle Qi...”

“What did Qi Lei mean earlier?” Qi Qiming asked quietly, his tone containing a hint of puzzlement.

Gu Lingsha subconsciously trembled slightly as she quickly said, “Uncle Qi, I think this might have been because Xi Xiaye and I had an unhappy encounter before this. I’m really sorry. She’s targeting me, so this time, I’m afraid...”

“Enough. There’s no need to say all that. Even if it wasn’t this time, they would think of ways to attack Qi Kai too,” Qi Qiming tenderly consoled her, “So, don’t blame yourself about it too much. Just focus on getting through this. Your father won’t look on without helping either. Your wedding with Ah Feng is happening soon, and you’ll be taking wedding pictures these next few days as well. Once this matter’s resolved, rest easy for a while. Have fun taking your wedding pictures. Your wedding dress should be almost ready, so prepare well and be a wonderful bride to Ah Feng.”

When Qi Qiming said this, Gu Lingsha felt a little relieved. She quickly nodded. “Yes, Uncle Qi! Don’t worry. I’ll definitely treat Ah Feng well. All these years, it has always been him who was by my side and supporting me, so I...” Her eyes were filled with sincerity, to Qi Qiming’s relief.

“It’s good that you acknowledge that. Don’t worry. As long as you stay by Ah Feng’s side and support him forever, you won’t be at a disadvantage. I’m getting old. Ever since your Aunt Wang passed away, I’ve constantly felt fatigued. I think it’s time for me to retire and rest soon. In the end, Ah Feng still needs to stand at the helm of Qi Kai., I want to make Qi Lei Ah Feng’s sound right-hand man. I don’t want to see the two brothers go on the same path that your Aunt Wang and I did.”

As Qi Qiming said this, his dark eyes seemed to flash with a complicated light, and Gu Lingsha could hear a faint sorrow in his voice. She thought about, then consoled, "Don't worry, Uncle Qi. Ah Feng and I won't let that happen. Don't be too sad. That issue with Aunt Wang has passed. If she were to stand in your shoes, she'd probably understand."

"Alright, let's not talk about these things now. Let's prepare for the meeting!" Qi Qiming ended the topic with waning interest. He picked up the document on his desk, inhaled, then turned to leave the office.

"Uncle Qi!" Gu Lingsha followed after him.

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What happened afterwards was within Xi Xiaye's expectations. The next morning, Qi Lei had come over once again, and obviously the other party agreed to the conditions.

Xi Xiaye permitted Lan Zilang to open their warehouse and send the materials over.

Gu Lingsha obviously suppressed her anger regarding this coercion. If it were not for the fact that she was worried about things with the government, she would not have even lowered herself to beg Qi Lei and let Xi Xiaye win!

In the pavilion in the Qi family's backyard, Gu Lingsha ranted gloomily, "Ah Feng, it's so obvious that Xi Xiaye was behind this! The last time, she framed me, and as for Morrison's incident, that was definitely Mu Yuchen. We can't just suffer in silence!"

"Master, I think that there was more to the last incident too. It was clearly trained hands that attacked me!" After a long period of rest, Morrison had almost fully recovered now though he would often feel a dull pain from his wound.

Qi Feng lowered his gaze thoughtfully as he fell silent for a while. He then responded, "Don't worry. We'll definitely take revenge for you two, but not right now."

Suddenly, he turned to look at Gu Lingsha and frowned. "Shasha, I heard that Uncle Gu has prepared a lot of things that are up to Aunt's fancies. Didn't Aunt Gu call you at all?"

Upon hearing that, Gu Lingsha's expression froze and she quickly shook her head. "I wouldn't dare talk about these things with her. The last time, we almost...but don't you worry. As long as my father steps in, she won't so much as not give us face. After all, we've already announced our marriage to the world, so he won't embarrass both the Qis and the Gus. As long as we sincerely apologize to her afterward and explain the situation, my mother will understand."

"When's she coming back?" Qi Feng asked.

Gu Lingsha breathed in to pause, then replied, "I called Grandmother yesterday. She said that my mother was very angry to learn about the news, but then she left home because of some emergency and hasn't been back for a few days now. I'm guessing that we'll hear from her quite soon. After all, our wedding's soon. She definitely won't accept this so easily and I'm worried about Weiwei."

"Spend more time with her. She hasn't been doing too well recently."

"Alright, I will! Tomorrow, we could bring her to the playground for a bit."

"Mmm, go take a look at her. I still have some things to discuss with Morrison."

Upon hearing that, Gu Lingsha nodded and planted a kiss on Qi Feng's lips before she got up. "I'll get going then."

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Gu Lingsha figured vanished down the walkway until the patter of her footsteps could not be heard.

When Qi Feng saw Gu Lingsha's figure move further away, he said, "Let's talk in the study room. Yesterday, they seemed to have discovered something very interesting, I think you'll be very interested in it too!"

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The pitter-patter of the rain fell, engulfing the entire City Z in a mist. The air had lost the heat from several days before, so right now it was refreshingly cool, especially by the South Riverbank. As the cool wind rustled past the vast green area, the freshness of the grass added a layer of dew to the air, energizing anyone who smelled it.

Mu Yuchen stood by the riverbank with his hands behind him. He wore a rare pair of sunglasses, concealing all his emotions in his eyes while his well-ironed dark silver suit made him look much cooler. With an indifferent expression, he silently watched the river and did not move for a long time. At this moment, by the riverbank, there was only his bleak and lonely figure.

Gu Qiwu stood on the staircase above and watched him for a long time. After that, he slowly walked down the stairs.

When he heard the sound of footsteps behind him, Mu Yuchen did not turn around while his eyes that hid underneath the sunglasses only flickered once. After a pregnant pause, he looked up at the gigantic clock across him, and his deep voice was heard. "You're very punctual."

Gu Qiwu abruptly stopped beside Mu Yuchen, and the two of them stood so closely that Gu Qiwu could clearly feel the reserved, cool aura from the other man.

"Of course, I have to be more punctual when it comes to meeting you," Gu Qiwu's responded before he then took a deep breath as both his arms held the railing before them. His gaze trailed Mu Yuchen's to look ahead. "I thought that you wouldn't ask me out. This doesn't seem like you."

Upon hearing that, Mu Yuchen's eyes underneath the sunglasses only darkened, but he did not answer him.

"What? Do you want to say something? The last time, you hit me a few times. I'm sure you wouldn't be willing to leave things at that," Gu Qiwu said softly as he turned to look silently at Mu Yuchen's face. After a while, he averted his gaze and looked down at the river that slowly flowed past them. He sighed. "Ah Chen, you're a great person. You've got tricks up your sleeves and you're impressive. Many times, I wished for you to become my ideal son-in-law. Shasha's great. She's excellent in many aspects. I don't

understand why you didn't fancy her or fall in love with her? If you'd married Shasha back then, everything would've turned out great."

"Could you then like my aunt, and be loyal to only her?"

Before Gu Qiwu could finish, Mu Yuchen's cold voice had already cut him off. His calm gaze peered through the sunglasses. "You and Aunt knew each other for more than 20 years. You stole everything of hers, but what did you give her in return? Why didn't you marry her?"

Mu Yuchen's rhetorical questions made Gu Qiwu's expression freeze. He simply had no answer.

"Do you think there's a need to ask why?" Mu Yuchen said, then a cold curve flashed across the corner of his lips. "My aunt loved you very much. She wasn't willing to expose your name even until she died, after which she passed Lingtian and Lingshi to my grandparents and parents. You clearly knew all of this, yet you never once came to take a look at the siblings. Forget about asking for a hint of the so-called fatherly love they yearned for! The two of you are the worst parents on Earth.

"I know that you've met Lingshi. Ah Mo and my father know too. I think that more people are bound to find out in the future. What do you plan on doing for Lingshi in the time to come? This was the reason I asked you out today," Mu Yuchen said straightforwardly.

When Gu Qiwu heard, his expression darkened and he did not answer.

Mu Yuchen did not continue either. He just turned and looked silently at Gu Qiwu.

"What do you think I should've planned then? What could I have planned?" Gu Qiwu asked in response.

Mu Yuchen scoffed, abruptly averting his gaze. Inhaling deeply, he looked at the faint mist before them and asked calmly, "You should be quite clear about how Aunt felt about you. Since you couldn't give her a future to look forward too, why did you have to hurt her? If it wasn't just about your feelings, then it must be because of the Mu family, wasn't it?"

“Ah Chen, you’re really smart. I don’t want to hide it from you either. It was actually very simple between your aunt and I. It’s not as complicated as you imagine it to be. She always admired me, but the Gus and the Mus don’t have a great relationship. Your grandparents have never thought highly of me either. Of course, I didn’t like your Aunt Zixi back then. How we began was an accident...”

As Gu Qiwu said this, he changed his tone. Then, he pondered for a moment before continuing, “That year, your aunt came to City B for a concert tour. By chance, we bumped into each other, and after that, we kept meeting. Your aunt was a melancholic person, extremely, in fact. There’s no way she could be a daughter-in-law of the Gu family. I did think of changing her, but it’s hard to change someone’s personality. Besides, even if I wanted to marry her, the Gus and the Mus may not agree to it. If you don’t believe me, you can go ask your grandparents. Their prejudice towards me didn’t develop over just a day or two.”

“When I knew that your aunt was pregnant with Lingtian, I didn’t agree to keep the baby, but she suddenly vanished without a trace and gave birth to Lingtian on her own. I know what she thought. She believed that if she had our child, we could be together.”

Gu Qiwu’s smiled coldly. “In the end, Lingtian was born, and you know how she was too. After her body slowly recovered, she made a comeback. While she wasn’t ready to leave her past, of course, she wasn’t willing to let go of me either. But she understands where I come from too, so she didn’t tell anyone about it. Therefore, I do feel like I owe her something.”

“You’ve never had feelings for my aunt at all, did you?” Mu Yuchen asked softly.

“Liking her didn’t equate to love. I told you, I admired her. She’s a good and understanding woman, but at this point, I can only say that I don’t have such luck.”

“Because of your irresponsibility, you ruined her life and implicated Lingtian and Lingshi. Gu Qiwu, you don’t deserve to be a man!” Mu Yuchen’s voice instantly turned hostile. “I can’t ask you to like my aunt, and I don’t want to ask about your past. I want to ask you right now, what do you plan on doing with Lingshi? You should know that the truth will come out eventually. Qi Feng’s people have been watching very closely, so it won’t be hard for them to find out about this. I won’t let you force Lingshi to take on the reputation as an illegitimate daughter, and I won’t let you slander my aunt after she has passed away for many years.”

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Mu Yuchen's tone was firm and solid.

Gu Qiwu seemed hesitant as he looked at Mu Yuchen. His voice was hoarse as he croaked out, "What do you want?"

As Mu Yuchen's eyes darkened, he closed his eyes as he tried to calm down. "I'm giving you a chance to be responsible and announce Lingshi's identity before Qi Feng and Gu Lingsha's wedding. Also, tell all the reporters that my aunt is your first love, that you two were deeply in love but were unable to be together because of a conflict of interest, and that you were forced to give up on this relationship. I'll get someone to send you a script, so you just have to explain as I've mentioned."

"That's not happening!" Gu Qiwu scoffed.

Mu Yuchen squinted his eyes at Gu Qiwu. "What did you say?"

"I said that's not going to happen. Your aunt isn't my first love, and we weren't deeply in love. I know you've been investigating me, so I'm sure you know all these very well."

Gu Qiwu's expression darkened.

The temperature around Mu Yuchen plummeted suddenly as he stared at Gu Qiwu deep in the eyes and laughed coldly. "Are you worried about Doris? I'm surprised that you're in love with her, but it seems like the two of you aren't as harmonious as people say."

Although Gu Qiwu did not reply, his expression became sullen.

Mu Yuchen put on a cold smile as he glanced at Gu Qiwu. "Are you really not going to consider my suggestion at all?"

"I'm just respecting the truth. It's for the sake of your aunt and Lingshi, but..."

“Good, I won’t force you anymore since you’ve made your choice. I’ve given you a chance, and you’re throwing it away. Don’t blame me for my next move then.” Mu Yuchen calmed down and attempted to leave after that last sentence.

When Gu Qiwu noticed that something was not right, he turned around and yelled, “Mu Yuchen, what are you going to do!?”

Without a reply, Mu Yuchen’s figure disappeared at the end of the staircase.

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The sky turned dark while the evening breeze was pretty chilly. Gu Qiwu looked at the empty staircase with brooding eyes.

“Boss, we should head back now. It’s getting late. CEO Qi invited you over for dinner at the Qi residence. I’ve also delivered the invitations and here’s the name list. Please check if I’ve missed anyone out,” Ah Yong spoke up after some time.

Gu Qiwu came back to his senses and took a glance at the sky. Then, he took a deep breath and said, “Ah Yong, keep an eye on Mu Yuchen. I want to know what he’s up to!”

“Mu Yuchen? Boss, is he...?”

“Not just him, Mu Lingmo as well. I have a hunch that we can get him on our side after our meeting last time. If we can turn him against Mu Yuchen, it’ll be marvelous,” Gu Qiwu said.

“Mu Lingmo? Boss, to be frank, I don’t think that’s very likely. Mu Lingmo has been working alongside Mu Yinan for many years, and he’s very loyal to Mu Yuchen as well. I doubt this plan will work on them,” Ah Yong voiced out his opinion.

Gu Qiwu smiled slyly as he glanced at Ah Yong. “You’re wrong there! Loyalty doesn’t last forever. People only care about the benefits they get! He wasn’t convinced the last time because the terms we offered

weren't good enough. Greed is the core of humanity!" His cold smile was incredibly spine-chilling to Ah Yong.

"You mean...?" Ah Yong asked for confirmation.

"Invite him out again. He's my son-in-law no matter what, so I should give him some benefits one way or another. That way, we might have an easier future."

It was the first time for Gu Qiwu was feeling so helpless! There was Mu Yuchen, and then there was Doris. Each of them was troublesome on their own!

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The street lamps were switched on earlier because the sky had turned dark pretty early. Maple Residence was visible amidst the rain with the help of the street lamps.

It was a quiet Friday at home. Wang Hui and the others brought Mu Xiaocheng back to Mu residence as it was a weekend the next day. With Mu Lingshi visiting them frequently lately, it was pretty lively. In comparison, Maple Residence was fairly quiet. Xi Xiaye was alone at home because Sis Wang and the others had taken a day off.

Xi Xiaye cooked several dishes and then took a glance at the clock. It was already 8 p.m. but Mu Yuchen was still nowhere to be seen. She called him a few times, but he was not answering. Then, when she remembered that he had left his phone with her that afternoon, she heard the sound of something vibrating in her handbag.

Feeling uneasy for a while, she almost wanted to give Li Si a call, but at that moment she heard the sound of a car stopping outside. She quickly put her phone away and went towards the entrance.

As expected, the man was slowly walking towards her under the rain.

"Why are you so late? You left your phone with me." Xi Xiaye was concerned as Mu Yuchen just climbed the staircase.

Mu Yuchen handed his briefcase to her as he took the home sandals from her. He asked while he changed, "We got into a traffic jam on the way back. Why is it so quiet at home? Where's our son?"

"Grandmother brought him back to the Mu residence. Lingshi is in a pretty unstable state right now, so I told them to just stay there. We'll go and get him back on the weekend."

"Okay, what did you make for dinner? I could smell it from the door."

"Some of your favorite dishes. Let's have dinner first."

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The two of them sat down and enjoyed dinner together.

"My dear, your cooking has improved." Mu Yuchen was generous with his compliments as he shot her a passionate glance.

Xi Xiaye raised her head and looked into his eyes. "It's so rare for you to compliment me. Mr. Mu, do you realize that the spark between us has gone away even though we haven't been married for that long yet?"

"Spark? Aren't you satisfied?" He gave her a confused look. Did it not always end with her begging him to stop every time?

Xi Xiaye blushed. "I don't mean that. I'm saying that we've been so busy and have so much to worry about that we haven't been able to relax together."

"I want to have a peaceful, quiet life too, but some people just can't leave me be. Hang in there and we'll be able to enjoy ourselves soon, alright?" He suddenly reached for her hair beside her ear as he spoke softly.

Xi Xiaye nodded as she looked into his eyes. Suddenly, she took out a card and handed it to Mu Yuchen. "This is the money I got from selling the materials. I subtracted the amount of the original cost and the remainder is inside. The PIN number is the last six numbers of the card. Qi Lei is going to report to you about his progress soon, isn't he? Give this to him."

Xi Xiaye handed him the card. "I don't know what else I can do, so I'm just going to do my best."

He put down his bowl and picked up the card. "He'd be very grateful for your help. You don't really have to do anything since things are going well for him. While it's great that you took your sweet revenge, you have to be careful. Gu Lingsha might be plotting something against you."

"I'm not silly. I won't just let her do anything she wants. Enough about me. Tell me how was it with Gu Qiwu today." Naturally, Xi Xiaye knew he had gone to meet with Gu Qiwu earlier that day.

Mu Yuchen put the card aside as his eyes darkened slightly. He then replied, "He didn't take my suggestion." He paused before continuing, "He wasn't particularly into Aunt. According to what he said, it seems like everything is because of my aunt's one-sided love."

"Nonsense! One-sided love? How could they have had Lingtian and Lingshi then? Just how cruel can a man be? How could he say something like that?! Men are horrible!" She was really angry when she heard what Mu Yuchen said.

However, he then looked at her with an odd expression, not seeming very happy.

Xi Xiaye noticed that she had said something wrong, so she quickly explained herself, "Don't look at me like that. I'm referring to those men, not you. There's nothing you can do to make a person stay if that person is determined to leave. Aunt was really silly. She knew it was impossible, but she still wanted to be with him just like a moth seeking out a flame."

Xi Xiaye felt heartbroken because she knew that Mu Zi had given up her time for a man that was not worth it. As the daughter of the Glory World Corporation boss and an up and coming celebrity, she had been such a precious treasure, but in the end, she gave up her life because of this terrible relationship.



"I feel that Aunt's depression was mostly caused by him. Mr. Mu, I won't wait for you like a fool if you do this to me in the future. Instead, I'd marry someone else and have lots of children to get back at you!" Xi Xiaye took a deep breath and glared at him.

Mu Yuchen's eyes darkened as his tone turned dominant and cold. "Why do you mix our relationship into this? No one would dare to marry you if I don't allow it! Unless he thinks he's lived long enough! Don't joke about something like this again, or else I have many ways to punish you!" Agitated, he put his chopsticks down and left the table to go upstairs.

Xi Xiaye was stunned by what just happened. It was her first time seeing him storming off like this. Then, she instantly realized she stepped on his forbidden zone. He was actually an insecure person, and her words had definitely hurt him.

Xi Xiaye clenched her chopsticks and lowered her head after she realized she had not been sensitive and considerate about his feelings. Having lost her appetite after he left, she cleaned up the dishes and went upstairs.

She was a good child that knew to look back on her mistake and make amends. Knowing that he was in the study room since the lights were switched on, after a moment's hesitation, she grabbed a glass of water and went into the room. She slowly pushed the door and poked her head inside to see the man sitting in front of the table while staring at the computer screen.

Xi Xiaye knocked on the door gently, but he did not give any reaction. He was obviously still angry.

She was a little disheartened when he did not give her any reaction, but she still took a deep breath and went inside. Carefully putting the glass of water beside him, she observed him for a little while before asking, "Mr. Mu...are you angry?"

Mu Yuchen ignored her and continued to glue his eyes to the screen.

Xi Xiaye's heart sank when he did not reply. "I'm sorry. I know...I overdid it. Please don't be angry at me, please?"

There was still no reaction from him.

She grabbed his arm and shook him a little. "I'm not talking about you, and I definitely don't mean it. Don't be angry at me...please..."

Silence.

"I know I'm wrong!"

There was still no reply!

"My period just stopped," she forced herself to say as she blushed.

"Huh?" The man suddenly turned his head and looked at her in astonishment.