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Chapter 1091. The Day Before (1)

The Mu residence felt a lot quieter after Wang Hui passed away.

Xi Xiaye could sense a stifling atmosphere that made it difficult to breathe when she entered the living room.

Thud!

The sound of heavy footsteps came from the staircase, so she looked over and noticed Mu Lingshi coming down. Her red eyes seemed swollen from all the crying while her expression was pale and she looked exhausted.

Worried, Xi Xiaye quickly went over and held her arm. "You look terrible. Maybe you shouldn't move around too much. I'll help you back to your room to get some sleep. Be mindful of the baby inside you as you'll affect it if you don't rest well."

Mu Lingshi shook her head as she sobbed. Her voice became so hoarse that it sounded different than usual. "I'm fine. I can't sleep. I see Grandmother's face as soon as I close my eyes. She's in pain, but she couldn't say anything...Weren't things supposed to get better? Why did this happen?"

After several days of exhaustion and sleepless nights, Mu Lingshi was on the brink of breaking down. Ah Mo had been helping out with the funeral, so Ji Zitong was in charge of accompanying Mu Lingshi for the past two days. However, Su Chen and Ji Zitong had just gone back home not too long ago.

"We can only accept it now. I don't think Grandmother can rest in peace if you're like this. She was extremely concerned about your health when she was still around, wasn't she? Try not to overthink. I'll get you back to your room and I'll call you when dinner's ready," Xi Xiaye said firmly but gently.

"But..."

"No buts unless you want to make everyone worried about you! No matter what, taking care of yourself is the best thing to do for Grandmother's sake right now!" Xi Xiaye smiled at Mu Lingshi as she gave her

belly a gentle pat. "Who knows? Grandmother might have turned into a star and be watching over you and your baby!"

Mu Lingshi put one hand on her belly as she stared blankly at Xi Xiaye like a lost girl who could not find her way home.

Xi Xiaye nodded. "She's gone, but our memories of her remain."

Mu Lingshi then gave up trying to convince Xi Xiaye, so she went back to bed and lay down. Xi Xiaye waited until she fell asleep before she left the room quietly.

"How is she? Is she asleep?" When Xi Xiaye left the room, she heard Ah Mo's anxious voice.

"She just fell asleep. You have to take good care of her. She's lost so much weight in just a few days. It'll definitely affect both her and the child if this goes on. Stay at home and spend some time with her. I'm sure she feels pressured and might get depression if she doesn't handle it well. I'll talk to your brother regarding work." Xi Xiaye was notably concerned.

Ah Mo was stunned for a moment. "Alright then. Thank you, Sister-in-law."

"Let's go down. I doubt she'll wake up anytime soon. Where's your brother?" She was heading down the stairs.

"He's talking to father in the study room. By the way, Elder CEO Shen called just now. Brother took the call, but he didn't tell him about Grandmother," Ah Mo reminded her.

Pausing, she then nodded. "Alright."

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Mu Tangchuan and Mu Yuchen had a long conversation in the study room and only came out when dinner was ready. However, they both did not look very pleased.

All of them were not in the mood for a meal. They barely had the appetite after several bites. Mu Yinan and Mu Lingshi did not come downstairs. Since it was difficult for the two of them to fall asleep after going through such a heartbreaking experience, the others did not want to bother them.

A servant came over and informed Xi Xiaye that Zhuang Shurong wanted to see her in the study room after dinner. Before heading to the study, Xi Xiaye told Aunt Fang to pack up for Mu Xiaocheng.

Knock knock!

Zhuang Shurong was looking at a jade bracelet carefully when Xi Xiaye knocked on the door.

“Come in!” she replied as she straightened her back.

Xi Xiaye carefully opened the door. “Mother, you called for me?”

“Yes, come here and have a seat!” Zhuang Shurong had a gentle expression as she waved her hand, inviting her over.

Xi Xiaye went over and sat down on the chair before the table. “Mother, what’s the matter?”

Sighing, Zhuang Shurong reached out to grab a rectangular box and placed it before Xi Xiaye as she spoke in a serious tone, “This is a gift from your grandmother. Ah Chen told her to leave some for you before. She always kept it in mind. She wanted to give it to you during the New Year, but who would’ve thought that she couldn’t wait that long? These are your grandmother’s favorite. She’s been keeping these after your grandfather gave them to her for their wedding.

“Your grandmother separated these into two sets: one for you, and the other for Lingshi. Keep it.” Zhuang Shurong’s eyes were peaceful as she smiled. “It must’ve been tough for all of you. She passed away so suddenly, no one saw it coming!”

Xi Xiaye smiled gently as she looked at the box before her. “I think you should keep it, Mother. It’s too valuable.”

“It’s yours. Of course, you should keep it. It’s up to you what you do with them but keep them!” Zhuang Shurong then continued, “Please help look after Lingshi for the next few days. I’m really worried about her.”

“Don’t worry, Mother, I will!”

“Gu Lingsha and Qi Feng’s wedding is coming soon. I’m sure you’ve received their invitation, haven’t you?” Zhuang Shurong suddenly asked.

Xi Xiaye was startled for a moment before nodding. “Mmm, I bumped into Qi Feng outside the supermarket some time ago. He gave one to me and one to Ah Chen. It seems like it’s going to be pretty grand.”

“Of course, it will be. The Qi family isn’t just a nobody.”

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Zhuang Shurong replied instantly to Xi Xiaye, “Your father and I probably can’t go, but we’ll still send them a gift. Please bring it over for us.”

She then took a beautifully wrapped gift out from the drawer and handed it to Xi Xiaye. “We still have to give them a gift since they invited us. We also want to avoid any rumors from going around.”

Xi Xiaye nodded humbly. “Yes, I understand.”

Zhuang Shurong then talked a little about Wang Hui, but upon noticing that Xi Xiaye did not feel comfortable with the topic, Zhuang Shurong stopped.

“Alright, you should go back and have some rest. It’s been tough for the past few days. Rest well.”

“You too, Mother. Goodnight!”

“Goodnight!”

Xi Xiaye then left the room.

She took a quick shower as she got back to her room. When she got out, she noticed that the lights in the secondary living room were lit up, so she headed there and saw the man sitting on the sofa.

He was switching channels with the remote control in his hand.

“I’ve prepared the bathwater for you. Go in and take a dip!” Xi Xiaye was drying her hair when she reached his side.

He glanced over at her. Then, he quickly took her towel and gently dried her hair as she sat down beside him.

“I’m not in a hurry. What did Mother talk to you about?” he asked as he dried her hair.

“She said Grandmother left me some treasure. It’s the betrothal gift Grandfather gave her back in the days. She wanted to give them to me during the New Year, but she passed away before that.”

The atmosphere turned heavy as Xi Xiaye regretted bringing up that topic! She then remembered her meeting with Inspector Zhang several days ago. She had been about to tell him about it, but Wang Hui’s incident had happened, so it got delayed.

Immediately, she got up. “I have something for you! Wait here!”

She went into the bedroom before the man could even react. Soon, she came back with a folder in her hands that she handed to him. “Take a look at this. It’s some information I got Inspector Zhang to investigate. I’m sure they are helpful in your plans.”

Surprised, Mu Yuchen opened it and looked through the documents.

There were many records of Gu Qiwu and Mu Zi together. He also noticed that it was during the time when Mu Zi had been at the peak of her career.

This meant that Gu Qiwu had been with her long before he even knew Doris!

It was a thick document. Apart from some data, there were a lot of notes and photos. Several old photos fell out from as he was flipping through it. He bent over and picked them up.

There was a young boy wearing a suit in the photos!

Mu Yuchen instantly recognized the young boy!

Mu Lingtian! It was Mu Lingtian when he was still a child!

It was said that Mu Zi had bought this suit for Mu Lingtian for some celebration, and Mu Lingtian had treasured it very much.

However, it was not Mu Lingtian's presence in the photos that surprised him. Instead, it was the man in sunglasses beside him!

The man wore large sunglasses as he stood behind Mu Lingtian. On the other side was Mu Zi who was wearing a long floral dress!

The man...

Mu Yuchen thought he really looked like Gu Qiwu!

Could Mu Lingtian have found out that Gu Qiwu was his biological father a long time ago? Or did Mu Zi tell him?

At least, from this photo, Gu Qiwu seemed pretty warm towards them.

However, Gu Qiwu had said before that Mu Lingtian did not know about their relationship. Was he lying? There was no need for him to lie at that point, was there?

He kept the documents after studying them intensely. There was doubt in his eyes when he looked back at Xi Xiaye. "This is important information. You have really helped me solve a huge issue."

She seemed delighted to be complimented. "As long as you find it useful. Inspector Zhang really put in a lot of effort to get all of these, so we should really treat him to a good meal after things settle down."

He smiled. "As you wish."

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On the same night, things were pretty lively over at the Gu family mansion. It was a huge contrast compared to the Mu residence.

The whole mansion was well lit and colorful lights shrouded the whole place in an attractive ambiance. Beautiful fireworks lit up the sky, creating a memorable scene.

Playful voices chattered amidst the fireworks...

By the corridor of the mansion, Gu Lingsha and Qi Feng stood by the staircase as they watched the night sky quietly while several servants were having fun together.

The colorful fireworks display highlighted Gu Lingsha's beauty in the dark as she spoke to him while the fireworks were ongoing, "Ah Feng, I still remember when you brought me to watch a fireworks show on my 18th birthday. Lingtian worked hard on it too. It was one of my happiest birthdays, and you've been by my side for every birthday ever since. It's a miracle that you're still with me till this day."

Qi Feng's expression turned gentle as he watched the fireworks go off. "We were young and innocent. Unlike how we are struggling every day now."

He lowered his head and looked down at himself, "Maybe your mother's worries aren't uncalled for. It's hard for me to even take care of myself. You must feel ashamed to be with me, aren't you?"

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Gu Lingsha's expression froze, then she quickly replied, "Ah Feng, you know my mother is just being straightforward. She doesn't care about my father and my feelings either, but I do know that she actually cares and isn't really against you."

"No worries. I'm used to it already. They are right anyway. I'm disabled." Qi Lei put on a cold smile as he averted his gaze away.

She turned over and looked at his side profile, noticing how lonely his smile looked. Gu Lingsha felt horrible. "Didn't Morrison already contact a doctor for you? There's still a chance. Even if your legs remain the way they are, you're still better than others, and I'll always stay by your side." She meant it sincerely and her tone was gentle.

Qi Feng paused when she put her hands over his shoulder and he smiled warmly.

Gu Lingsha felt touched when she saw his smile. Her grip on his shoulder tightened slightly as she watched the ongoing fireworks. "Ah Feng, I really wish that we could stay like this forever."

"Forever? Do you really think that anything lasts forever in this world?" He suddenly looked at her deep in the eyes.

Gu Lingsha nodded and smiled. "Of course! I believe we'll last forever."

Qi Feng raised his eyebrows. "If you had told me this six years ago, I would've been overjoyed and married you right away, but it seems that things are falling into place. We are still married after having gone through so much."

Gu Lingsha felt a little odd, but it did not sound wrong. "So, we're blessed, huh?"

Qi Feng smiled without a reply.

Above them, on the balcony of the study room, Gu Qiwu was standing by the side with Doris before him. She wore a long pale gold dress that night.

Doris was casually looking at the fireworks. Although she seemed normal on the outside, something was hidden in her eyes.

“Doris, maybe you should go easier on Qi Feng and Shasha. The news of their marriage has already been announced, and they are officially a married couple.” Gu Qiwu frowned as he tried to convince her.

“That’s your business. I’m only expressing to you what I think about them. I can’t do anything if all of you insist on it anyway. I’ll never accept Qi Weier. She’s incapable of growing up to be a healthy person. Gu Qiwu, I’m thinking about what will happen in the future. I don’t want our daughter to put so much effort in for nothing.” Doris squinted her eyes as she stared at him.

However, Gu Qiwu’s expression remained unchanged. He closed his eyes and tried to hide the cold light that flashed in his eyes.

Doris extended a hand to him and grabbed his hand. “I’d love to see if Qi Feng will wager the Hui Gu Corporation like what you did back then. Be honest with me. Do you ever regret it?”

“Why would I? Doris, marrying you is the best decision I’ve ever made!” Gu Qiwu insisted in a serious tone.

“I don’t want to doubt you, but you’re a smart man. You’re no longer the man that proposed to me, and you’re hiding something from me? Why?” She gave him a cold, sharp gaze. Gu Qiwu actually felt a little uneasy when she looked at him like that.

“You’re overthinking. I’ve been busy lately and traveling between cities. Didn’t I get everything you like prepared for you?” he replied calmly.

“I’m no fool. You sent someone to keep an eye on me during my stay in the UK, didn’t you? Do you really think that I had no idea?” Doris laughed. “I don’t care what you’re plotting, but I suggest that you

make a decision after you give them enough consideration. I think you won't want to see us becoming like Qi Qiming and Wang Qin."

Gu Qiwu's eyes darkened slightly before he put on a smile. "You did the same thing to me too, didn't you?"

1 "Do you think that I'm not good enough for you?"

Gu Qiwu's voice was cold as he squinted at her and said, "Patience and feelings will run out one day, Doris. Know your limits. It's easier for women who know when to stop to find happiness. I care about you, but that doesn't mean that I'll do everything as you say. Qi Feng and Shasha's wedding will go on whether you approve of them or not, and you'll be there for it!"

His patience had run out. After saying that to Doris, he then went back inside.

Doris's eyes darkened suddenly.

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As Qi Feng and Gu Lingsha were absorbed in the fireworks, Butler Fang came over and spoke to Qi Feng, "Master Feng, Madam wants to see you in the study room!"

"Mother? What does she want?" Gu Lingsha suddenly felt uneasy.

Qi Feng thought for a little while and then replied, "Okay, I'll head over right away."

"I'll go with you!" Gu Lingsha was anxious, so she started wheeling his wheelchair.

However, the butler was one step ahead of Gu Lingsha. "Ms. Lingsha, Madam said she wants to meet with Master Feng in private. She told you to wait in the living room. I'll send Master Feng over!"

Stunned, she looked at Qi Feng hesitantly.

Qi Feng patted her hand. "Don't worry. It'll be fine. I have something to discuss with her as well. This is going to be crucial for our future, including Weiwei's as well. I know you won't want to have a wedding without Mother's blessings."

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Doris was looking through the guest list on the sofa inside the study room.

Knock knock!

The butler's voice reached her ears right after a few knocks on the door. "Madam, Master Feng is here!"

"Come in!" Doris replied and the butler opened the door. He wheeled Qi Feng to her side before stopping.

"Leave us be."

The butler soon left them, and Doris looked deep into Qi Feng's eyes.

Not a word was exchanged between them. The room became eerily quiet after the butler left while Qi Feng remained stationary as Doris stared at him. He did not show any expression on his face.

"What do you want to discuss with me, Mother?" Qi Feng finally initiated the conversation.

Doris folded her arms and crossed her legs. "What else do you think there is to talk about?"

Qi Feng took a glance at the guest list on the table and ignored her question. "We've already sent out the invitations. Father has looked through the guest list several times already. Do you have any issues in it?"

Qi Feng was calm as he maintained an expressionless face. Doris would acknowledge his talents if it were not for his disabled legs. All these years, he had not given up on himself and had been improving. As he became more mature after the painful experience, he became much more observant.

Doris could not see through his poker face at all. "Qi Feng, I'm sure you know that I don't agree to your marriage with Lingsha," she said directly.

Qi Feng nodded. "I know. You've always preferred Mu Yuchen over me. That has never changed."

Doris was surprised by his straightforwardness. She nodded without hesitation. "You're right. I'll admit that much."

"However, time has changed things and Mu Yuchen has married Xi Xiaye. After everything I've gone through with Shasha, Mu Yuchen is responsible for what happened to us to a certain extent. Do you agree with that?" Qi Feng said with his deep voice as he spoke in a calm manner, "You should also understand why things have turned out like this. Plus, you should bear responsibility as well, shouldn't you?"

Doris's expression changed for a moment as her eyes became stagnant.

"It happened so suddenly, and I didn't have much time to think about it, but I've been keeping something in mind all this while. I've been looking for a chance to talk to you about it." Qi Feng put on a smile.

"What do you want to talk about? I don't think we have anything else to discuss. I called you up here because I want my daughter to be happy. So you really think you can give that to her?" Doris gave him a meaningful glance.

Qi Feng's expression darkened, but his smile widened. "Happiness requires two people to work on it. We've been together for quite some years, and we already have a daughter. The wedding will happen no matter what, and I hope that you can give us your blessings. That alone is a huge form of happiness to Shasha, me, and Weiwei!"

"There was no need for you to ask for my permission at all," Doris said coldly.

“No, it is necessary. Let’s go back to what we were discussing earlier. I’ve been looking forward to talking to you about Shasha and Weiwei.”

Qi Feng paused. “I hope you can accept Weiwei. Because of this, there’ve been some disagreements between you and Shasha, but it’s not something we want.

“You know very well about Shasha’s condition. We might only have one daughter for the rest of our lives. She’s fine intellectually. She’s just physically weak and has some mild symptoms of autism. I’m sure she’ll be like any other healthy child after we spend more time with her.”

Qi Feng was really concerned about his daughter. In fact, he could deeply relate to Weiwei’s condition as he was in a similar condition.

“I’ve said that keeping this child will be your worst decision ever. Shasha’s body wouldn’t have turned out like this otherwise,” Doris replied coldly, obviously displeased.

“However, aren’t you responsible for Weiwei as well? I’m not a fool. Uncle Gu and you tried so hard to make Mu Yuchen stay because you guys were plotting something, weren’t you? Too bad the two of you underestimated Mu Yuchen. Who would’ve expected him to leave on the first night while Lingtian remained?” Qi Feng put on a sly grin and his eyes seemed cold.

Doris’s expression changed once she heard Qi Feng’s words but soon returned to normal. “I have a question. How come you went over so coincidentally? If it weren’t for you, that person might’ve been Mu Lingtian instead of you!”

Qi Feng laughed, his voice filled with a bone-chilling bitterness as he said, “It’s fate! Do you think your plan was perfect?”

“You guys had no idea when Mu Yuchen left the Gu residence. All of us underestimated him! Lingtian called me that night and said Shasha was in a bad mood, so he told me to come over and accompany her. Shasha was already unhappy with the marriage contract, but Uncle Gu and you insisted. The intention was very clear. Who knew the gift you’d been preparing for so long would be delivered to me instead?”

“Why was it you instead of Mu Lingtian?” Doris asked.

Doris had no idea what actually happened back then because they already started taking action and moved everyone away after Mu Yuchen agreed to stay. They intended to wait it out and readily accept the predicted outcome.

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No one expected what happened when Doris entered the room and saw Qi Feng with Gu Lingsha.

Even a calm person like Doris was shocked to her core at that moment!

She soon came back to her senses and closed the door right after that, pretending as if nothing had happened. She just wanted to forget about it because her plan failed since no one would find out if they kept quiet about it, but Gu Lingsha actually got pregnant!

1Doris had burned with rage inside her!

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“Lingtian picked up a phone call and went out, so only Shasha and I were left. I’m sure you know what happened afterward.”

Qi Feng took a deep breath and put on a bitter smile. “Shasha and I never expected that she would get pregnant because of that night too. It was too early to find out at that time. We only realized she had a pair of twins later. Shasha’s body was extremely weak after the accident, and we could only save Weiwei. The cost of saving Weiwei was that Shasha would never be able to get pregnant again. She could have easily suffered a miscarriage even if we decided not to save Weiwei, and...

“Shasha is very timid. She can’t take the hard truth, which is why I decided to save Weiwei. If you really loved Shasha, you’d understand her better. After all that we’ve gone through, are you still going to say that you weren’t responsible for it at all?” Qi Feng gave Doris a sharp glance.

Doris’ expression froze slightly. “Who called Lingtian?”

1 "I don't know."

A cold light flashed in Doris's eyes as she asked coldly, "Did Uncle Gu tell you what happened?"

He shook his head and smiled. "Please don't take Uncle Gu as a fool. He's not that stupid. Anyone could've figured it out after giving it some thought."

"But you're not the only one who drank the alcohol. There was Mu Lingtian as well. If you're telling the truth, then how could Mu Lingtian have left?" Doris found his words doubtful.

"Lingtian didn't drink it. Have you forgotten that Lingtian is allergic to whiskey? The drink that Mu Yuchen loves..."

Doris said coldly, "I never expected that one small mistake could cost me my whole plan!"

"Shasha probably doesn't have any other better options now. Plus, we are in love with each other. You aren't going to forcefully separate us, are you? Unless you want the embarrassing past to be known by others, it won't be beneficial to either party."

"Are you threatening me?" Doris's eyes darkened as she shot Qi Feng a cold stare.

"No, I'm just reminding you. I'm sure you know what we want. I don't think Shasha has a better choice other than marrying me! Do you really think she could influence someone like Mu Yuchen? Or Qi Lei?" Qi Feng's tone was firm.

1 "Aside the conflict between Mu Yuchen and Shasha right now, do you really think Mu Yuchen would give up on the woman he loves and accept Shasha? Don't forget that Xi Xiaye is also CEO of Fuhua right now. They even have a son together. As for Qi Lei, I'm sure you've heard about Shasha and him becoming distant lately. Who else do you think Shasha can pick except for me, the father of her daughter?"

Qi Feng's words stabbed Doris's heart like a dagger, reminding her of the harsh truth.

Her expression did not look good.

Qi Feng paused and backed off slightly. "That's all that I'm going to say. Mother, you're a smart person and I believe you know what to do. Anyway, it's getting late now. Shasha and I should probably get back soon."

Qi Feng then called for someone and Butler Fang soon came in, bowing to them.

"Send me downstairs. We're going home."

"Yes, Master Feng!"

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After Wang Hui had passed away, Xi Xiaye felt that it was really quiet around her familiar environment. No one came to tell her to have breakfast anymore, and there was no gentle reminder to take care of herself.

Neither Xi Xiaye nor the man beside her could not get used to it.

As they sat together and looked at the empty spot at the dining table, they could not help but feel sad.

It was the weekend and they were watching television together after breakfast. Xi Xiaye wanted to brew some tea, but Mu Yuchen suddenly got up and grabbed his car keys. "I'm going back to the office to get some documents. Do you want to come with me?"

Xi Xiaye put the tea leaves down and stood up too.

"Bring our son together as well. Let's go out for a bit. It's been pretty depressing lately," he said.

Xi Xiaye turned over and looked out of the window. When she noticed it was a sunny day, she nodded. "Alright, let's go to the funfair. He likes to see interesting things."

Aunt Lin fed Mu Xiaocheng well. The little guy was growing and had begun to show his unlimited energy every day. Ever since he learned how to crawl, he had been quite naughty.

They made preparations and left the house ten minutes later.

Xi Xiaye put on a white dress with her hair in a bun. Then, she grabbed the car keys and went outside. Mu Yuchen was holding Mu Xiaocheng in his arms while Aunt Wang and two bodyguards followed them.

Xi Xiaye drove and Mu Yuchen was sitting in the front passenger's seat while he was busy entertaining his son.

She drove slower than usual with her son in the car. Life would have been great if this moment could go on forever with no more death and separation, and no more getting involved in any evil ploys or conflicts.

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Alas, if only's would remain as if only's...

When he heard the music, the well-fed Mu Xiaocheng who lay in his father's arms immediately widened his eyes that were initially closed in slumber. Those beautiful gem-like eyes flickered with a glazed luster. They flickered and looked everywhere as if he was looking for the source of the sound while he babbled.

"I think that this little guy can probably say 'Father' in another two to three months," Mu Yuchen pinched his son's soft cheeks and said happily.

The touch on his face made Mu Xiaocheng a little irritated, so he reached out to hit Mu Yuchen's hand and then held it to suck on it. When Mu Yuchen felt a faint ache from his hand, he raised his brows in surprise.

Xi Xiaye looked over to see his expression like that, so she slowed down the car and asked in puzzlement, "What's wrong?"

"I think the little guy has teeth now! Really! He bit me. Let me take a look. Son, open up. I want to see if you have teeth..."

Upon hearing that, Xi Xiaye's beautiful face flashed with the ripple of a smile. "I heard from Aunt Lin that our son is probably going to get teeth soon. Because too many things have been happening recently, we haven't been paying attention to him."

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Even though the sky was getting dark, it was not raining yet. Compared to the scorching heat from a few days before, it was much cooler now.

The black luxurious car sped past the clean cemented pathway towards a higher-end villa area. After a while, it stopped in front of a mansion.

Dressed in a tailored dark blue suit, Qi Lei got down from the car leisurely. He took off his sunglasses, his expression indifferent as he looked at the mansion before him. He did not want to be back at all if it was not for the fact that he needed to!

The people inside seemed to have begun decorating the place. From afar, he could already hear the noise within.

Right, the wedding is set for tomorrow, so it should be quite lively inside right now!

The curve of a sneer flashed at the corner of Qi Lei's mouth. He hesitated before putting on the sunglasses again. With both hands in his pockets, he walked in casually.

"Second Master's back!"

“Hello, Second Master!”

It was true that people were in high spirits because of the happy occasion. Qi Lei had just stepped in when the busy crowd greeted him warmly.

Nodding nonchalantly, he walked past the corridor and went towards the house. He bumped into the butler at the entrance.

He peered inside and saw that apart from the busy servants, there was no one else, thus Qi Lei asked in confusion, “Is there no one at home?”

“CEO Qi’s gone out. The young madam went to the Gu family mansion while the other Master seems to be in the backyard.”

Because he could hear the coldness in Qi Lei’s tone, the butler dared not be as arrogant as he had been before. He recently realized that CEO Qi seemed to begin caring about the Second Master again, and he might be of importance in Qi Kai in the future, so it was best to keep the provocation to a minimum.

Qi Lei nodded and did not stay with the butler as he turned to walk towards the corridor that led to the backyard.

At this moment, in the Qi family mansion’s backyard, the sinister-looking Morrison handed a document to Qi Feng. He grinned widely and said, “Master, this is great news! I think this is the reason why Wang Hui left so suddenly! Mu Yinan and Wang Hui couldn’t have guessed that the man who got together with Mu Zi years ago would be Gu Qiwu! Haha, heaven rewards the faithful! I’ve finally got something against them! I’m sure that they are done for this time!”

When Morrison said that, Qi Feng’s eyes brightened. He fixed his gaze upon the document that Morrison handed him.

“Boss, the results prove that our guess was right! I just knew that with Gu Qiwu and Mu Yuchen’s relationship, there was no reason for him to constantly go to Imperial Sky. He clearly had other reasons to do so, and afterward, we fixed our target on Mu Lingshi. Soon, we found out the issue—

“Gu Qiwu was secretly getting someone to follow, no, secretly protect Mu Lingshi! He didn’t even do that with Miss Lingsha, how could Mu Lingshi gain so much interest for him, so I can be sure that there must be something more to Gu Qiwu and Mu Lingshi’s relationship. Then, I remembered that Mu Yuchen was also investigating Mu Lingshi’s background. Why did he suddenly stop? All of this proves one thing!” Morrison said as he could not help but look excited.

“Proves one thing? It proves that Gu Qiwu was the man who got together with Mu Zi years ago. In fact, you’re saying that Mu Lingshi and Gu Qiwu are most likely father and daughter!” Qi Feng finished Morrison’s words.

“Yes! I’ve checked. Mu Yinan and Wang Hui didn’t know about this before. Wang Hui had a heart attack the other day because of this! Everyone knows that the incident with Mu Zi has always been a taboo in the Mu family. Years ago, when Mu Zi broke down from the questioning, she didn’t give up the man’s name either. That meant that the man was not just anybody. In fact, all these years, Mu Tangchuan, as well as Mu Lingtian before this, and then Mu Yuchen never gave up on looking for that man. If that man wasn’t so capable, do you think they couldn’t have found him with their abilities?”

Morrison was getting more and more excited as he spoke. He could not wait to see these secrets be exposed, and the kind of commotion it would bring.

As Qi Feng listened to this, he found it quite hard to believe!

Mu Zi, Mu Zixi!

The celebrity who was extremely popular at one point!

He could still remember how she looked like. She had been very attractive, a rare beauty. In fact, back then, she seemed to have been quite close to Qi Qiming. At that time, the Qi family and the Mu family had a great relationship. Qi Qiming and Mu Yinan would hang out, thus Qi Feng could remember Mu Zi, and she used to be concerned about him and Qi Lei.

From what Qi Feng remembered, Mu Zi was a strong and considerate woman. Even though she was sometimes headstrong and angered Wang Hui, she was very loving towards young children.

Qi Qiming was really suitable for Mu Zi, yet they were not lovers. That was one thing Qi Feng was clear of.

It did not matter how many lovers Qi Qiming had. To him, some women still held a very important position in his heart, and Mu Zi seemed to have been one of them. However, he did not know how Qi Qiming actually felt about Mu Zi.

Chapter 1097. Carelessness (4)

After Wang Qin passed away, Qi Feng could vaguely feel that Qi Qiming actually had cared about her.

What about Qi Feng's mother then?

And Lu Xinlan?

And his many other lovers?

Right now, how did Gu Qiwu become involved?

As Qi Feng thought about this, his expression could help but become dazed. After a while, he opened the document and flipped through it. Then, his eyes gradually filled with a light of disbelief. In an instant, it turned into a mix of emotions...

"Master, with this in hand, we practically have Mu Yuchen and Gu Qiwu by their throats. I think neither of them will want this to get leaked out," Morrison lowered his voice to continue.

While Qi Feng's expression had become solemn, he thought about it, then closed the materials in his hands. "Why do you think that Gu Qiwu would be worried about these news leaking out? It's only because of Doris, but I feel like she isn't a fool either. She probably has some inkling about it. If we want to use these against them, it's probably not very practical."

"Master, what do you think we should do then?"

Qi Feng's gaze darkened, then he waved to Morrison who quickly leaned close to listen.

Unbeknownst to them, Qi Lei had heard their conversation.

Qi Lei was standing right behind the pillar near the corridor. Because they were too engrossed in the conversation, they did not realize he was there. Qi Lei decided to just hide behind the pillar and eavesdrop. He did not expect to find out about this!

Qi Lei's expression instantly became solemn.

Qi Feng was up to his usual tricks! He was sure that he would not let go of this.

Although he could not hear what they were actually talking about, right then, Qi Lei suddenly felt a little sad. If there were really going to use this as a trigger, what would everything that Lingtian had done be counted as?

When he thought of this, Qi Lei suddenly felt a heaviness in his chest. His breaths became shallow before he turned around to leave!

He probably should tell Mu Yuchen about this. Otherwise, when the storm comes again, he would not be able to get through it in one piece!

He thought about this as he left in huge strides. When he passed through the walkway in front of the door, the butler was surprised. Upon seeing how hurried he seemed, he asked in concern, "Second Master, did something happen? Why do you look so rushed?"

However, before the butler could finish, Qi Lei's tall figure had already passed by him and he continued walking ahead.

"Second Master, aren't you staying for dinner?"

"Second Master..."

Before anyone else could finish their sentence, Qi Lei had already vanished out of the doorway.

“Where are you going in such a rush?”

Qi Lei had just rushed out when he saw Qi Qiming and the secretary about to go in.

He then slowed down and looked at Qi Qiming. His eyes were filled with mixed emotions, but he only answered calmly, “I have something urgent to address right away!” Then he took out his car keys, unlocked the car, and got in swiftly.

Qi Qiming’s expression darkened immediately.

The car drove out, and when it passed Qi Qiming, Qi Lei said, “I’ll come again at night.” His voice floated in the air while the car sped past. In an instant, it vanished at the end of the road.

Qi Qiming was slightly bewildered. He thought about it for a while before picking up his steps to go in.

When Qi Lei drove out of the villa, he called Yang Sheng. By the time he returned to Grand Lake Villa, Yang Sheng was already standing by the door waiting for him.

“Let’s go in first!” Qi Lei said in a serious tone.

Yang Sheng nodded and went in with him. When he saw Qi Lei’s expression, he immediately felt tensed as he asked softly, “Master Qi, what happened that you needed me to rush over?”

“Get people to watch Morrison right away. If he does anything, stop him! Also, find the quickest way to find out about the once-famous female celebrity from decades ago, Mu Zi. Be as detailed as possible.”

“Morrison? Mu Zi?” Yang Sheng was puzzled by Qi Lei’s words. He could not help but ask, “Master Qi, did something happen?”

“Just do as I say. I don’t have time to explain it to you right now. Hurry!” Qi Lei said a little annoyedly.

Yang Sheng dared not respond after Qi Lei lashed out, so he quickly nodded and responded, “Got it, Master Qi! Oh, right, Master Qi, I do have some information on Miss Mu Zi with me right now. Before this, CEO Wang asked me to investigate her, so I still have a backup copy with me.”

“Quickly send it to me then. Less talk, alright?” Qi Lei turned to glare at Yang Sheng furiously, “Since when did you become so slow?! Don’t you have a sense of urgency?”

After Qi Lei snapped, Yang Sheng responded helplessly, “Master Qi, this is the first time I’m seeing you in such a hurry!”

Then, he picked up his briefcase and immediately took out a tablet and unlocked it before sending Qi Lei a document. After a while, he sent the details over.

“This is everything that CEO Wang asked me to gather before this, but it was all about Miss Mu Zi and CEO Qi,” Yang Sheng worked as he said.

“Mu Zi and the old man? Why was my mother investigating them?” Qi Lei could not help but be intrigued by this as he stared at Yang Sheng.

Frowning, Yang Sheng hesitated, and then said, “I’m not too sure either. There was just a time when CEO Wang seemed especially odd. In fact, she was very invested in the progress of the investigation. I think that perhaps she was suspecting that there was something between CEO Qi and Miss Mu Zi.”

What relationship did the old man and Mu Zi have?

When Yang Sheng said that, Qi Lei fell into deep thought and his eyes became a little glazed as if he was searching for some distant memory.

Mu Zi and Qi Qiming...

They had a pretty good relationship, and Qi Qiming cared a lot about Mu Zi too. Qi Lei remembered that Qi Qiming had even wanted Qi Feng to be Mu Zi's godson. For some reason, later on, it did not happen. Back then, the Qi family and the Mu family were on quite decent terms, thus their proximity was not weird at all!

Could Wang Qin have thought there was something more to their relationship beyond friends or kinship?

The more Qi Lei thought about it, the more he found it hard to believe. "Alright, just get the things done. I'll take a look at it myself," he said after a while. Then, he took his phone, wanting to give Mu Yuchen a heads up.

Chapter 1098. Grand Wedding! (1)

Mu Yuchen would have had no idea his son was so naughty if it were not for this trip!

The two of them went upstairs along with Mu Xiaocheng when they arrived at Glory World. Mu Yuchen put Mu Xiaocheng on his desk, then laid out some toys in front of him to keep him occupied as they worked.

"Mr. Mu, I heard from Vice President Zhang that there are some problems with the materials from Chief Sun. Has that issue been resolved yet?" Xi Xiaye asked when she suddenly remembered.

Frowning, Mu Yuchen remembered that he told Li Si to investigate Chief Sun, but there was no news yet. It must have been delayed due to the recent happenings.

"I've asked Vice President Wen to take care of it. He's very good at dealing with things like that. Since the South River project is going well, you can focus more on the development of Movie City. Grandfather has finished two large-scale projects, and we all thought we could take on South River Project No. 2, but Qi Kai would have butted in, so I got someone to make an estimation. The potential profits from Movie City will be comparable to South River Project No. 2."

Mu Yuchen gave her a warm smile.

She nodded when suddenly, there was a loud sound

Swoosh!

They looked at each other and quickly turned around. Mu Xiaocheng was right beside the laptop and gleefully tearing up documents!

“Mu Xiaocheng!”

Xi Xiaye’s expression darkened and she swiftly went over!

In the meantime, the toddler put on a happy little grin when he saw his mother before him.

Xi Xiaye quickly took the documents away and looked through them. She turned around and looked at Mu Yuchen regretfully. “It’s the report from the Marketing Department...You naughty little boy!”

Xi Xiaye knocked Mu Xiaocheng’s little head softly.

Mu Yuchen came over and took a look at it. Then, he frowned when he noticed Mu Xiaocheng giving him an innocent little smile.

“You naughty little thing!”

Mu Yuchen gently tapped his forehead as well. “It’s alright. Tell the Marketing Department to send another copy on Monday...”

Before he could finish his sentence, his phone started ringing. It was Qi Lei.

Mu Yuchen frowned before answering the call. “Hi.”

Qi Lei let out a sigh of relief when he heard Mu Yuchen’s voice. “There’s something you need to know. Morrison has already figured out the relationship between Gu Qiwu and Mu Lingshi. He’s plotting something with Qi Feng, so you need to be prepared.”

Mu Yuchen's frown deepened, and he then asked, "Do you know what they might be doing?"

"I was too far away, so I couldn't hear their plans, but I'm guessing it won't be simple. I've sent people to monitor Morrison. I'll let you know if anything happens. By the way, will the two of you be going for Qi Feng and Gu Lingsha's wedding? I remember I was told that you guys were invited."

"Can you deliver our gifts for us if we don't go?" Mu Yuchen asked.

"You wish! Find a way yourself!" Qi Lei laughed. "How do you feel right now? Qi Feng guessed that your grandmother passed away because she found out about this. Is that true?"

Mu Yuchen took a deep breath. "They are right. The information left a huge impact on Grandmother."

After that, he instantly hung up on the call.

Xi Xiaye was holding Mu Xiaocheng in her arms as she asked, "What's wrong?"

Mu Yuchen put his phone on the table. "Qi Lei called. Qi Feng's already found out about the relationship between Gu Qiwu and Lingshi. He's worried that we might be in trouble, so he gave me a reminder."

"We can't hide it forever after all..." Xi Xiaye lowered her gaze and mumbled, "What should we do now?"

"Qi Lei's gotten people to monitor them. It's a race of speed right now. I don't want to use extreme measures if I can."

Mu Yuchen suddenly felt a headache coming on.

"They are coming at you with everything they've got. We'll be at a disadvantage if you don't make a move. I just feel sorry for Ah Shi. I never expected her father to be someone like that. How could he

treat his daughters so differently? Gu Lingshi could be considerate about Doris, yet he can't be considerate about Aunt?" Xi Xiaye said coldly, there was a sudden knock on the door as well.

"That should be Li Si." Mu Yuchen slowly sat down.

"I'll leave you guys here then. I'll bring this little one to get some food." Xi Xiaye then went into the resting lounge with Mu Xiaocheng.

Mu Yuchen spoke up after he heard the door close, "Come in."

Li Si came in urgently with Ah Mo behind him.

"Master!"

"Brother!"

They stopped right before his table.

"These are what we've prepared. Do you want to take a look?" Li Si then handed a thumb drive to Mu Yuchen, his expression seeming hesitant.

Mu Yuchen took it and then handed it to Ah Mo. "Do you want to watch it? This won't be publicized if either Lingshi or you are against it."

Ah Mo was stunned for a moment before he shook his head. "There's no need. Lingshi and I believe in you, and we've decided to support you unconditionally. Lingshi is in deep grief after we lost Grandmother. There's no way she'd forgive Gu Qiwu, so you don't have to be considerate about us.

"I've already made it clear with Gu Qiwu. I'd rather stay by your side than become his pet dog!"

Ah Mo's words and his genuine tone surprised Mu Yuchen who glanced up at Ah Mo's face before looking at the thumb drive in his hand.

Chapter 1099. Grand Wedding! (2)

"Master, are you really going to do that? If..." Li Si seemed hesitant as he asked.

Before he could finish his sentence, Mu Yuchen interrupted him, "There're no ifs."

He put the thumb drive onto the table and leaned back against the chair. Then, he turned the chair around and looked out of the window. Moments later, he continued, "Qi Lei called me just now and told me that Qi Feng's already figured out the relationship between Gu Qiwu and Lingshi. He's probably plotting some trouble."

"What? He found out?"

Li Si and Ah Mo traded glances with each other, their expressions hardening.

"It's slightly later than I expected. I don't find it surprising. It was going to be exposed sooner or later anyway." Mu Yuchen did not seem to be shocked.

"What do they want? Bro, should I send people..."

Mu Yuchen raised his hand and stopped Ah Mo. "This might be more suitable for Qi Lei to handle. Your top priority is to protect Lingshi. Doris came back and went to pay her respects to Grandmother on the day she was buried. I met her. She seems much more cunning than ever. I don't want her to lay her eyes on Lingshi. Do you understand?"

"Do you mean..."

Ah Mo had been working alongside Mu Yuchen for many years, so he could grasp the nuance in Mu Yuchen's words.

“Doris is an ambitious woman. She’ll never let someone pose a threat to Gu Lingsha and her. I remember that Gu Qiwu told me Doris suspected him before, but he tried to avert her suspicion away from Aunt by encouraging Gu Lingsha to marry me.

“But who could be sure that Doris actually gave up on finding out? She’s a smart woman. There was no way she couldn’t guess what Gu Qiwu was up to, so I want to see Doris’s reaction once we release this. If my guess is correct, we’ll have to reinvestigate Lingtian’s accident six years ago!”

Mu Yuchen’s voice turned sharp towards the end, and Li Si shuddered slightly.

Ah Mo tensed up as he listened to Mu Yuchen. “Bro, you mean that Doris suspected Lingtian and Lingshi six years ago, or even earlier than that, and that’s why she plotted the accident?”

“That...that’s impossible!” Li Si opened his eyes wide.

“Do you remember when I auctioned Lingtian’s pen in City B earlier this year?” Mu Yuchen suddenly turned around and looked into their eyes.

Ah Mo and Li Si were startled for a moment before nodding.

“Of course, that was how you found out about Gu Qiwu. I remember Gu Lingsha got it at a high bid of \$8 million. However, that pen seems to have been returned to Ms. Lingsha. I almost forgot about this! I think you mentioned that Doris sent people to chase the people who tried to buy the pen, so she might not actually know about the relationship between Gu Qiwu and Lingshi. Why else would she have done that then?”

“If she didn’t know, why would she have cared about that pen? Was it really because of Gu Lingsha’s friendship with Lingtian? I understand that instead of Gu Lingsha, it was Doris who sent the people to chase after Gu Qiwu.”

“So, are you saying there are only two reasons why she would do so? One is that she was putting on an act, or she just has her suspicions and is still unsure about their relationship. Is she trying to confuse us to cover her tracks?”

“The second one feels closer to the right answer,” Mu Yuchen analyzed.

Ah Mo and Li Si were stunned.

“That’s not very likely, is it? Creating an accident without knowing the truth...that doesn’t seem reasonable,” Ah Mo said.

“That’s right. We’ve also investigated the accident so many times, but the results came out to be an accident every time. There are no leads at all, so I don’t think it’s feasible.” Li Si frowned.

“It does sound ridiculous, but usually the answer beyond our expectations could be the right one. It might be because the previous investigators were incapable, but I want to investigate this case again. Of course, it’s just speculation at this point. There’s nothing really suspicious yet, so we’ll have to wait and see their reactions tomorrow. I’m looking forward to the surprise Qi Feng has prepared for me tomorrow too,” Mu Yuchen said coolly, appearing relaxed.

“Are you heading over personally tomorrow?” Ah Mo sounded anxious as he expressed, “I’m worried that Qi Feng might do something to you. Let me accompany you.”

“Ah Mo, you forgot what I just told you. Your top priority is to protect Lingshi. Li Si will be accompanying me tomorrow, so just do what you should.” Mu Yuchen then got up and handed the thumb drive back to Li Si. “I’ll leave this to you. Don’t let me down.”

“Don’t worry, Master. I’ll get it done!”

“You mentioned that you want to investigate the case again. What’s your plan?” Ah Mo asked.

“Don’t use any of our men to avoid attracting any attention. I’ll ask your sister-in-law’s contact.” He was thinking of Inspector Zhang since he was very pleased with the information he gathered this time.

Doris had ignored Xi Xiaye completely the other day, so she probably did not think of her highly. It might be easier for Xi Xiaye to take action because at least, Doris would not be vigilant of her.

Ah Mo nodded. "Okay, we'll go with your plan then."

"You can both go back now. Ah Mo, we won't be going back to the Mu residence tonight."

"Yes, Bro!"

Chapter 1100. Grand Wedding! (3)

The day went by quickly, and night soon arrived.

Inside Qi Lei's private villa in the Grand Lake Villa area, Qi Lei closed his notebook while he had a bad feeling about what was going to happen.

He looked through the messages from Li Si. They were all about Mu Zi and Qi Qiming...

It looked like his mother, Wang Qin, had once suspected that Qi Qiming and Mu Zi had a past, or that they were hiding something. Could she have thought Lingtian and Mu Lingshi were Qi Qiming and Mu Zi's children?

Qi Lei suddenly felt bitter. Wang Qin had done everything she could to keep Qi Qiming in check, yet he had still disappointed her in the end.

After everything that he had gone through, only he knew what he cared about the most right now.

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He felt extremely irritable and decided to go out, so he grabbed his coat and put it over his shoulders. He took his car keys and then headed out.

Qi Lei drove along the busy night street and soon arrived at De Feng Avenue.

It was a quiet place. Somehow, he had driven there and remembered that Dongfang Liuyun's shop was just around the corner, but he did not head over as he thought she had probably gone back home already. He then decided to go to the hawker center they went to the last time.

Business was brisk as usual. Qi Lei could smell the grilled fish and barbeque the moment he got out of his car along with the sound of chatter.

Qi Lei locked his car and walked over. He found an empty table and sat down.

"Hmm? Aren't you Ms. Dongfang's friend?"

The owner recognized Qi Lei. After all, he was pretty handsome and had a different air around him, so he instantly recognized him.

Qi Lei remembered that the owner's surname was Wei. While he did not sound like a local, he was warm and nice.

"Hello, Boss Wei! Give me a grilled fish, one fried noodles, and two dishes to go along with some alcohol. Get me a dozen ice beers." Qi Lei smiled and gave his order.

"Sure, coming right up!"

The owner soon brought the beer over.

Qi Lei grabbed a glass and filled it up. He felt much better after several drinks.

It was the weekend, and many people had gathered around and having lively conversations. However, happiness belonged to them, not him.

Qi Lei shot the people around him an envious glance. They should be students from a nearby university. School break was not over yet, and there was another two weeks before it reopened. Most of these students stayed on campus and worked part-time.

As the students were chatting, Qi Lei listened closely and somehow lost his senses. He did not even realize the beer was overflowing from his glass as he continued to pour into it.

At that moment, he caught the scent of a familiar smell. Suddenly, his bottle of beer was snatched away as a voice reached his ears.

“Owner, give me another bowl and a pair of chopsticks.”

Qi Lei quickly looked over and saw Dongfang Liuyun sitting down across him. Surprised, he put on a smile. “Why are you here?”

Dongfang Liuyun took a swig directly from the bottle before looking at him. “I should be the one asking you. Why are you here?”

The owner quickly gave her a bowl and chopsticks before she started enjoying the food. It felt like they were really close friends.

“I was just bored and wanted to go somewhere. Somehow, I ended up here.”

Qi Lei got her a glass and filled it up with beer for her.

“You obviously look like you have a lot on your mind. You’re still young, so why are you so troubled? You’re going to get old faster this way.”

Dongfang Liuyun swallowed her food and looked at him. She then glanced over at the group of students Qi Lei had been watching moments ago. “They are from the polytechnic college nearby. Many students stay on campus rather than go home during the break. Some work part-time around here, and some go on adventures.”

As Dongfang Liuyun was reminded of her own past, she emptied the full glass of beer Qi Lei had just served her.

He suddenly gained interest when he heard her words. "Have you worked part-time before?"

"Of course! My family stopped providing for me after I started university, so I had to earn my school fees and living expenses. My mother is a very strict woman who wanted me to become as independent as her. At times, my father would take pity on me and hand me some money although he would get punished if she found out!"

Dongfang Liuyun seemed to be in a good mood today. Despite sounding a little annoyed, she was also glad about what her mother did, and she had a smile on her face.

"Is your father her slave?"

Punishment?

Qi Lei thought it would only happen in dramas. It was not usual in real life, was it?

"What's so weird about that? My father is much older than my mother. He's over 60 and my mother is only around 50 years old. Well, it's not really a secret, I guess."

Qi Lei then realized that the Dongfang couple were pretty low-profile, but it was no secret that Mr. Dongfang obeyed everything his wife said. It had all shown up in Yang Sheng's investigation report.

"Your parents are everyone's role models," Qi Lei said with a chuckle.