

Loving 1161

Chapter 1161. The Past Stay In The Past (5)

Mu Yuchen interrupted before Gu Qiwu could finish his sentence, so the latter turned over and noticed his dangerous gaze.

“Don’t try to compare my woman with yours. Doris is way out of her league,” Mu Yuchen warned.

1Gu Qiwu smiled as he gave Mu Yuchen a meaningful glance. “It seems like you’re pretty dedicated to Xi Xiaye. Aren’t you afraid that she might be in danger by showing me this side of yours? Have you forgotten what happened a few years ago?”

Mu Yuchen’s expression darkened. “Only people without confidence would think that way. Didn’t you just tell me how much you loved Doris just a moment ago?”

“Our situations are different, Ah Chen,” Gu Qiwu squinted his eyes and said quietly.

“That’s just your excuse. From what you’ve just said, you did all of that just to protect your children, didn’t you?” Mu Yuchen’s eyes were hard as if he was treating Gu Qiwu like some sort of a joke.

Gu Qiwu’s expression froze. “I won’t deny that I want to be freed from Doris’ control, but the main point is about the siblings. Believe it or not, I have no reason to lie. Lingtian is my only son. No one could’ve felt worse than me when he died.”

“Do you think I can trust you?” Mu Yuchen glanced over as he grinned. “Both you and your wife are brilliant! Using your own children as gambling chips, I believe you’re still a notch better than me in this aspect, and so is Qi Feng.”

“Ah Chen, you’re not me. You wouldn’t understand what I’m going through.”

“Perhaps I really don’t. No matter what your reasons are, it doesn’t justify your lie. Those shouldn’t be the reasons for you to betray a woman and even abandon your own children. I’ve told you before that I’ve given you chances, but you gave them up.”

Mu Yuchen took a deep breath and looked away. "You shouldn't have looked for me today." His chest tightened as he was reminded of how Wang Hui had died with regret in her heart.

"You should've expected my arrival! You kept Doris' matter a secret. You were just waiting for a chance to strike me down, weren't you?! And there's the matter about your aunt too. You're forcing me to make a choice now!" Gu Qiwu's tone turned chilly.

"Don't think that everybody is as cunning and shameless as you! Do you really think Qi Feng would've missed this chance if I didn't tell anyone? I'm just a little bit quicker than him."

"What do you mean?" Gu Qiwu asked coldly.

"You know very well what I mean. There's no need to ask me again."

Gu Qiwu's expression darkened and he did not say anything.

"As for Doris, I'm just telling the truth. You can act as if nothing happened if you can stomach it. Continue your life as it is."

"Do you really think I can still continue my life as if nothing happened? Do you know that Doris has already filed a divorce? Not only did she betray me, but she's also ripping me off!" Gu Qiwu's anger was rising within him.

"She thought she was in control of everything. I'll make sure she knows that everything she's trying to protect is nothing but a joke."

"You should really tell Doris what you just said."

"No, Ah Chen, I know what your aim is. Lingshi is my daughter after all. I won't owe her what she deserves, but..." Gu Qiwu's voice turned grim.

“Are you saying that you intend to officially tell everyone that Lingshi is your daughter?” Mu Yuchen squinted his eyes at him.

Gu Qiwu remembered the moment when he met Mu Lingshi in the hospital. Her eyes had been filled with sorrow. “I met with Lingshi once in the hospital, I’m sorry for your loss of your grandmother. I know it’s somehow related to me, but it’s all in the past now and I can’t do anything to change that. You should know this better than anyone else.”

“She has an extreme bias against me now, so...”

“So, do you mean she should be very grateful for you?”

Mu Yuchen smiled. “Lingshi never hoped to get anything from you. She’s the Mu family’s treasure, and we’re not any worse than the Gus.”

“I don’t mean that, Ah Chen! I just hope she can forgive me. I was wrong.” Gu Qiwu took a deep breath as he gripped the railings tightly and stared at the cemetery for a while before he continued, “Don’t doubt my feelings towards the two of them. I’ve been keeping a watch on them closely although I know they might be better off staying by your side. I don’t think you’re going to believe me, so I’m going to stop talking about them. The reason I asked you to come today is that I want you to convince Lingshi to forgive me. Besides, I believe you wouldn’t want Doris to win the lawsuit against me, would you?”

“It doesn’t matter who wins. Don’t even think about using Lingshi or me. I just hope you can give my aunt and Lingshi a responsible answer. You owe them that,” Mu Yuchen said casually.

He felt rather pressured. Although he found out about Lingtian’s reason from Qi Feng, after talking with Gu Qiwu, he realized the matters he prioritized might not be that important in the eyes of others.

“I won’t interfere anymore if you stop hurting the people I care about. I’m respecting Lingshi’s wishes. However, if you’re going to try something funny, I’ll definitely play the game with you, but now, we will leave each other alone.” Mu Yuchen then left as he felt tired.

“Ah Chen!” Gu Qiwu called out to him when he was leaving.

Nevertheless, Mu Yuchen left without any hesitation. He soon disappeared down the staircase as Gu Qiwu took a deep breath and pinched the space between his eyebrows...

Chapter 1162. Say It If You Like It (1)

There were not many things to be done at the office and there was no meeting in the morning as well, so Xi Xiaye decided to bring Mu Xiaocheng along with Aunt Fang so that the latter could help her to take care of the toddler.

It was already past 10 a.m. when Xi Xiaye arrived. Her current office was previously Shen Yue's office, and it became hers after a little bit of renovation.

It was a huge office. The floor was decorated with a thick, clean carpet, allowing Mu Xiaocheng to crawl around everywhere just like in Mu Yuchen's office.

Aunt Fang waited in the resting lounge. She would only come over when Xi Xiaye summoned her.

It was Xiao Mei's first time seeing Xi Xiaye bring her son over. She was tempted to play with Mu Xiaocheng since he looked so cute and handsome.

However, Mu Xiaocheng seemed a little shy. He quickly ran and fled to Xi Xiaye when Xiao Mei approached him. He grabbed Xi Xiaye's leg and slowly stood up, making Xiao Mei smile. "CEO Xi, Young Master is pretty smart. It's obvious to see that he's Chairman Mu's son. He looks just like him, but his eyes look like yours!"

"He does look like Chairman Mu, but I wonder who his naughty nature resembles. His father can barely handle him. Luckily, he's not a crybaby."

Xi Xiaye smiled as she put down her documents and gently lifted Mu Xiaocheng to put him on top of her lap. Mu Xiaocheng chuckled a little before wrapping his arms around her neck.

"Naughty kids often achieve great things. I'm sure Young Master will be as successful as Chairman Mu in the future!"

"As long as he doesn't be a troublemaker, I'll take care of things here. You can get back to your work."

“Yes, CEO Xi—”

Rat-a-tat!

There was a knock on the door before Xiao Mei could finish her sentence.

“Come in.”

The door opened and Xi Xiaye’s secretary entered the room. “CEO Xi, Vice President Qi from Qi Kai is here!”

Qi Lei?

Xi Xiaye paused for a moment before replying, “Let him in.”

The secretary and Xiao Mei then left the room.

Xi Xiaye brought Mu Xiaocheng over to the sofa. She then heard the sound of footsteps closing in, so she turned around and saw Qi Lei coming in.

“Why did you bring him here? Are you sure you can handle it?” Qi Lei offered to hold Mu Xiaocheng for her. “Little guy, do you still remember the handsome me? Smile for me. Come on, smile! Though you look like your father, you’re much more handsome than him, unlike his icy cold features!”

He lifted up Mu Xiaocheng, and the little guy giggled happily.

“Don’t spoil him. Even his father doesn’t always do that to him. I’ll get Aunt Fang to feed him now.”

Xiao Mei came in with some tea and Aunt Fang then carried the little guy out of the room.

“Why are you here? How have you been doing? I heard from Vice President Liu that Chenye Movies and Television is going well. Seeing how relaxed you look, it’s not too tough for you, is it?” Xi Xiaye asked.

“I’m alright. I just happened to be around the area, so I decided to visit you. About what happened recently...is everything alright?” Qi Lei took a sip of the tea and asked.

“Thank you for asking. Everything is fine. I heard that CEO Qi isn’t feeling well. What happened?”

Xi Xiaye found out from Lan Zilang that Qi Qiming had been feeling unwell. She assumed he might have been too furious about what happened at Qi Feng and Gu Lingsha’s wedding.

“He’s a little mentally unstable.”

Qi Lei lowered his head and looked at the cup of tea for a while before he continued, “Actually, he seems to be a little odd ever since my mother left. I can sense that he genuinely regrets my mother’s death. What irony.”

Xi Xiaye was stunned for a moment. “He regrets it? Is he regretful about how he treated CEO Wang before? Or something else? From an outsider’s perspective, CEO Wang and CEO Qi were married for several decades, so I guess feelings could’ve been born from friction. I saw CEO Qi some time ago, and he seemed tired.”

“There’s no need to continue. My mother would’ve still been alive if that person even cared for her a little. Well, she isn’t coming back anymore. I’m just letting you know that the old man’s health is getting worse. He’s been pretty demotivated to care about the company lately too.” Qi Lei’s eyes darkened.

He took a deep breath and said, “Qi Feng is going to join the company in the next few days. I think I’ll be affected when he’s done familiarizing himself with the operations.”

“So, you mean, Qi Qiming is going to let Qi Kai take over Qi Kai?” Xi Xiaye was surprised.

Qi Lei continued drinking his tea and smiled. "I guess so. He already decided way before Qi Feng and Shasha got married that he wanted Qi Feng to get familiar with Qi Kai's operations after they got married. Now that Qi Feng is by his side, he's prepared to hand the company to Qi Feng."

"What about you? What will happen to you once Qi Feng takes over Qi Kai?" Xi Xiaye frowned as she gave Qi Lei a worried glance. "I thought CEO Qi has been pretty nice to you lately. Does he really trust Qi Feng that much? Has he never doubted Qi Feng at all regarding the incident last time?"

"I don't expect him to change his views about me. He's decided all along to leave Qi Kai for Qi Feng anyway, so I don't really care." Qi Lei's tone was plain while his eyes were cold and quiet, not revealing any emotions.

However, Xi Xiaye could hear a sense of helplessness and bitterness coming from him.

It was not about Qi Kai. Qi Lei never really cared about these superficial matters anyway. What really disappointed him was the difference in treatment.

Chapter 1163. Say It If You Like It (2)

No one else could understand this feeling better than Xi Xiaye.

Was it not the same with Xi Xinyi and her?

Deng Wenwen and Yue Lingsi did everything they could to leave Yueying to Xi Xinyi. They had even drugged her and tried to get her into Qi Lei's bed. Their intentions were as clear as day!

However, things did not turn out the way they wanted.

Just how similar could their fate be?

Just that, she was way luckier than Qi Lei right now.

Xi Xiaye had no words at the moment.

“You have to hang in there no matter what. Don’t forget about CEO Wang’s expectations of you. You’ll be able to walk your own path like me even if you leave them. The two of us have oddly similar fates. If I’m lucky enough to escape from my shackles, I believe you will too. Isn’t everything going right on track now?” She tried to encourage him.

Qi Lei laughed. “Are you worried about me?”

Xi Xiaye rolled her eyes at him. “I promised CEO Wang that I’d look after you. I can’t go back on my promise now. I’ve met Qi Feng several times, but I can’t figure him out at all.” She spread open her palms, the scars on them still visible.

Qi Lei paused. “I’m sorry for getting you involved.”

“Since when are you so polite? It’s not your fault anyway, so you don’t have to apologize. Gu Qiwu and Doris are filing for divorce right now. I guess Gu Lingsha and Qi Feng aren’t having an easy time at the moment. You should be quick with what you’re doing so that you wouldn’t be too affected when Qi Feng takes over Qi Kai.”

“I’ve heard about that too. The lawyer Gu Qiwu looked for is Liuyun’s mother. It seems like he’s eager to win this.”

Qi Lei had heard from Yang Sheng that Gu Qiwu invested a lot into hiring Dongfang Liuyun’s mother, the undefeatable legendary lawyer.

Liuyun?

Xi Xiaye seemed surprised. She frowned and gave Qi Lei a meaningful glance. “Are you very close with Ms. Dongfang?”

Qi Lei felt a chill when he heard Xi Xiaye’s question. He looked back into her eyes before replying, “Well, not really. We just played some games together and went out drinking once or twice.”

“Interesting, Ms. Dongfang seems great. Aren’t you the Casanova? It’d be amazing if you could make her your wife. I know a little bit about Ms. Dongfang. My father is convincing her to join University A as a lecturer. They are recruiting for an archeology expert, and it’d be great if she can join.” Xi Xiaye smiled as she looked at Qi Lei.

He shrugged and gave her his usual glance. “What a heartless woman. The whole world knows that my heart belongs to you. You’d have become my wife already if Mu Yuchen was just a tad slower, and Mu Xiaocheng would’ve been called Qi Xiaocheng! Aren’t you worried that I’ll be sad about what you said? Don’t you know that my heart is very fragile?”

Qi Lei’s expression was calm despite what he was saying, and Xi Xiaye somehow noticed a subtle darkened expression on his face.

Xi Xiaye went silent as she was not sure what reply she should give.

“Don’t feel pressured. I just feel the need to tell you that I like you. I don’t expect you to reciprocate the feelings. I do feel envious about Mu Yuchen at times. He’s just too lucky. How is he the one who got you in the end?”

Qi Lei’s tone became heavy as he continued, “Xiaye, you’re a great woman. At the very least, you’re the best among the ones I know although we share similar life experiences. Fate doesn’t want us to be together, but I’m sure we’d be happy if we were together.”

“You’ll find someone better,” Xi Xiaye closed her eyes and said.

“I’m just ranting over here, so pay me no mind. Don’t say something like that to me again. It’s cruel to say stuff like that to a man who was fond of you before. I’m pretty open-minded. I genuinely wish the best for Mu Yuchen and you. If you could find Mu Yuchen for yourself, I believe I can find a woman who suits me too.”

Qi Lei found Xi Xiaye’s awkwardness funny.

Xi Xiaye took a deep breath and looked at him. "Then, can't you just keep the feelings inside your heart and not blurt it out? Sometimes, pointing out the elephant in the room isn't the best idea, don't you think?"

"You might tell Mu Yuchen I told you so that he'll feel a sense of urgency and cherish you better. I'm doing an extremely generous move right now. How could you criticize me instead of showing gratitude, you heartless woman?!" Qi Lei casually touched his nose as he looked at Xi Xiaye. Only he could do this, bending logic and twisting words in his favor.

"It's a shame that you're not doing sales or marketing. You can consider coming over to Fuhua's marketing department."

"Go and get Mu Yuchen. He'll definitely say yes. It's about time now. I'll have to go and take a look later. Remember to tell Mu Yuchen to be careful of Qi Feng. I sense that Qi Feng is a little...I'm feeling uneasy, so just be on alert..."

Chapter 1164. Giving Flowers (1)

Qi Lei got up and took a glance at Xi Xiaye with a gaze that looked so gentle yet complicated.

Although Qi Lei and Xi Xiaye shared similar experiences, Xi Xiaye might not be able to connect with his true self. Even though he appeared cheeky all the time, he kept a lot of secrets to himself.

Xi Xiaye never really thought about that. She did not want to find out too much about him due to some other reasons as well, but there was also the relationship between Qi Lei, Mu Yuchen, and her, so...

Qi Lei chuckled when he noticed the complicated glance Xi Xiaye shot him. "I've told you about it before, and I'm sure you understand it as well. Speaking up about it can make you feel better at times, so take responsibility for your feelings. You don't have to feel pressured. We're still good friends. Mu Yuchen is a great man and you deserve him, but at times, I'll be here when you need me."

He seemed different than before, and his eyes seemed genuine.

"Some relationships aren't meant to be possessed but to be treated as faith. I want to live my life in peace. I want to find someone to live this life with, just like Mu Yuchen and you. I thought I'd be able to

live however I want if I don't care too much, but...I started feeling like this ever since I met you. Sadly, the person you chose wasn't me, and you're not the right person for me as well."

"I'm just a normal woman. I'm not as good as you think. I—"

"It doesn't matter if you think you're good or not. It's enough as long as the other person thinks that you are," Qi Lei interrupted Xi Xiaye before she could end her sentence, "Xiaye, sometimes I truly hope that we could've met each other earlier. Mu Yuchen was just a little faster, so he won the jackpot."

"Everyone has a dark side they don't want to show anyone. He might not be the real winner in life. You might not understand what burden he has to bear on his back. Qi Lei, you'll be able to find a genuine relationship, so don't reject it when it comes to you. Happiness requires you to discover new things on your own."

She took a deep breath as she got up.

Qi Lei froze for a moment before nodding. "I suppose he has to be tougher than me. Though I don't want to admit it, he's a better person than I am."

"You're great too. Listen to me. After things settle down..."

"I know, I will! Goodbye—"

Qi Lei went to open the door when he suddenly saw a figure blocking his way just as he was going to head out. He then noticed Mu Yuchen casually standing by the door with a relaxed expression on his face.

Qi Lei was dumbfounded to see Mu Yuchen right there as he stared at him blankly.

Mu Yuchen gave him a meaningful glance and spoke up moments later, "Second Master Qi, aren't you always very generous towards women? Have you given my wife some houses or maybe even cars?"

Stunned, Qi Lei's face turned beet red instantly. He took a quick glance at Mu Yuchen and decided to escape right away. "I didn't say anything. I told her that because I want you to know that the person I like is your...ah—"

Mu Yuchen kicked him before he could finish his sentence. Qi Lei groaned in pain and swiftly fled without even looking back.

"You little...! It's no wonder you've never gotten a girlfriend," Mu Yuchen mumbled as he looked at Qi Lei running away from him.

Xi Xiaye was surprised to see the man outside her office door. She seemed a little embarrassed knowing that he had overheard their conversation. Then, she squinted at him and asked, "Why are you here?"

"Can't I be here? Otherwise, I would've missed that passionate confession. Aren't you happy that you're still popular in the market?" Mu Yuchen looked at her with those deep-set eyes of his.

Xi Xiaye's face turned red as she took a peek outside and felt relieved when there was no one around. She quickly dragged him inside and closed the door.

"It's not a big deal, is it? It's not like it's your first day knowing what he was thinking. We're innocent. Don't overthink in your head...mmm—"

Before Xi Xiaye could explain herself, he grabbed her into his arms and his lips met with hers...

She was stunned for a moment, then she embraced him.

Mu Yuchen stopped after a while and took a deep breath as he put an arm on the wall behind her. "Seems like you enjoy hearing those words, huh?"

"What—" She glanced at him as she wrapped her arms around his waist. "I'd be much happier if you said them to me instead. I've never heard any confession from you although we've been married for so long."

“I did when we just got married and during our wedding,” he looked at her and said.

“I don’t feel any jealousy from you right now. Isn’t it normal for a man to feel jealous in a situation like this? Don’t you find me attractive anymore?” Xi Xiaye frowned.

“Nonsense! Do you think Qi Lei would still fall for you if you weren’t attractive? Fortunately, he’s smart enough to know that he’s no match for me, so I’m at ease now. Only people with no confidence would feel jealous, and we already have a son together, so you can’t go anywhere.”

He chuckled as he acted confidently.

Xi Xiaye seemed slightly defeated. “I realize I’m not as popular anymore ever since we got together. I was one of the most popular ones in Glory World back then...”

Chapter 1165. Gifting Flowers (2)

Xi Xiaye pushed him back, but he grabbed her even tighter and looked at her with a sharp glance.

“Glory World’s beauty, huh? You’re already a mother to two sons now. That shouldn’t be what you’re thinking about. I doubt there’d be any fool who’d try to steal you away from me. I suppose they wouldn’t dare to even if they wanted to, or else, I’ll make sure they suffer...”

He tightened his grip on her waist.

“You...How can you be like this?”

“Why not? I’m not a good person anyway.”

He lowered his head and caught another taste of her lips again. Moments later, he returned to his usual self and walked towards her work desk. Then, he sat down on the chair and flipped through some documents. “Where’s our son?”

Xi Xiaye straightened her outfit and pursed her lips before walking over. “I got Aunt Fang to get him something to eat. Why did you come here anyway?”

Mu Yuchen grabbed her hand and she sat down on his lap as she gave him a confused look. "I came to take a look."

Mu Yuchen took a deep breath, still feeling pretty gloomy over what happened with Gu Qiwu that morning. "Have you seen the document from Vice President Zhang Lan?"

"I'm almost done with it. I don't really have any problems..."

Xi Xiaye noticed Mu Yuchen's phone on the table ringing. She took a glance and saw that it was Li Si calling.

"It's me." Mu Yuchen picked up the call.

"Master, I just got a call from the hospital saying that Doris forced them to discharge her, and her lawyer has already lodged a divorce case with the court." Li Si's voice came through.

Mu Yuchen's eyes darkened. "Just keep an eye on her."

He hung up on the call as he had a cold grin. "It seems like there's no way for Doris and Gu Qiwu to resolve this. By the way, I suppose you heard what Qi Lei said just now. Qi Qiming is probably letting Qi Feng take over Qi Kai soon. As for Qi Lei..."

"Qi Qiming hasn't been doing well ever since Wang Qin left. He's invested a lot of resources into Qi Feng. Even if he's treating Qi Lei slightly more decently now, I doubt he'll change his initial decision. Sometimes, I find that Qi Lei really had it tough. For Qi Feng...I just hope..." Xi Xiaye still had no idea what was on Qi Feng's mind.

Knock!

Before Xi Xiaye completed her train of thought, there was a knock on the door, and it opened from the outside before Xi Xiaye could go and answer it.

“CEO Xi, there are some flowers for you, and this—Chairman Mu!”

Xiao Mei came in with a big bouquet of flowers.

Xi Xiaye got down from Mu Yuchen’s lap, her face slightly pink.

Xiao Mei lowered her head out of awkwardness and started to regret her tactless behavior.

“Be careful!” Mu Yuchen quickly held her hand, worried that she might trip.

Xi Xiaye took a deep breath before looking at Xiao Mei who was holding a big bouquet of lilies, as well as a large, black umbrella. She thought the umbrella was familiar, but she was not sure where she had seen it before.

“Who sent this?” Xi Xiaye asked.

Xiao Mei came over with the bouquet of flowers. “I have no idea. Someone from the florist delivered it. There was a message for you too, saying that Mr. Qi thanks you for the umbrella!”

Umbrella?

Xi Xiaye frowned as she took the flowers from Xiao Mei. She soon found a small card inside the bouquet with just a single line of message on it: Thank you for your umbrella. Weiwei really liked it and didn’t want to return it, so I got you a new one.

Qi Feng’s signature was at the bottom.

Xi Xiaye then remembered bumping into the two of them on a rainy day, and she handed her umbrella to Qi Weier.

However, what was Qi Feng's intentions of doing this?

"How thoughtful of him." Mu Yuchen snatched the bouquet away from Xi Xiaye and threw it forward, so Xiao Mei quickly grabbed it. "It's yours now. You can keep the umbrella too. Leave us alone for now."

Xiao Mei was a little startled and she quickly turned towards Xi Xiaye.

"Besides, reject any flowers in the future as long as it's not from me. It's up to you how you want to deal with them." His tone was dominating, and Xiao Mei felt pressured just being there at that moment.

Xi Xiaye pursed her lips before nodding lightly at Xiao Mei.

"Yes, Chairman Mu!"

She then quickly left the room!

He took the card away from Xi Xiaye and squinted at it. In the next moment, it got dumped into the bin.

"Mr. Mu..."

Xi Xiaye gave him an uneasy look. While he did not seem angry about what happened with Qi Lei just now, Qi Feng's act really riled him up.

"Does he frequently give you flowers?" Mu Yuchen asked quietly.

Xi Xiaye shook her head. "Not at all. Just that time I told you about last time, and this time. I wonder what he's up to."

"Is he picking a fight with me?"

Before Xi Xiaye could say anything, he pressed the intercom button on the table. "Come in."

Xiao Mei came inside the room moments later.

"Chairman Mu, CEO Xi..." Xiao Mei could still feel the pressure in the room.

"Go and prepare a white chrysanthemum or gladioli and send them to First Master Qi. Tell him it's a token of gratitude from CEO Xi and wish him a speedy recovery."

"Yes, Chairman Mu!"

Xi Xiaye was stunned for a moment, but she came back to her senses moments later. "Just what is Qi Feng thinking? Trying to mess with our life?"

"He's playing Taichi with me right now, trying to gauge my bottom line. Just ignore this. Does he really think everyone is like Gu Lingsha?" Mu Yuchen seemed disgusted.

"Is he trying to find a chance with me?" Xi Xiaye somehow caught onto what Mu Yuchen meant.

Chapter 1166. Gifting Flowers (3)

Inside Qi Feng's office in Qi Kai Corporation, Professor Terl packed up his equipment with a smile and spoke to Qi Feng with his not-so-fluent Mandarin.

"Mr. Qi, according to your condition, if you can even feel a little bit of numbness, that means you have a very high chance of recovery. I've checked and noticed not all the nerves on your legs are dead since you've been doing massages all these years as well, and there are no signs of withering, so I'm confident that you'll recover."

"That's great news, Dr. Terl. If you can heal our Master's legs, we'll reward you handsomely. Please do your best and help him stand again!" Morrison seemed worked up.

Qi Feng smiled as well as he spoke to Professor Terl humbly, "I'm relieved to hear those words from you. Let me know if you need anything from me. I'll do whatever in my power to aid you to heal my legs."

Professor Terl smiled. "I'll do my best. If you cooperate with my therapy, I'm sure your wish will come true soon. Alright, it's time for me to go back now. Just follow my instructions."

Morrison sent him out.

"First Master, I think you'll be able to stand. How exciting!" Morrison was overjoyed after he sent Professor Terl out.

Qi Feng smiled while he lowered his head and looked at his legs with a smile. "After six years, I never thought I'd be hopeful again. God's blessings are with me."

Rat-a-tat!

There was a knock on the door. Gu Lingsha opened the door and came in before he could reply.

"Missus!" Morrison greeted her.

Gu Lingsha smiled and left some documents on Qi Feng's table. "These documents need your perusal. Take a look."

Qi Feng flipped through them as Morrison left the room quietly.

"The progress of South River Project No. 2? Looks like it's going smoothly. Xi Xinyi seems capable. I'm surprised the promotion is doing so well." Qi Feng was generous with his compliments.

"Xi Xinyi is Yue Hai's subordinate. She'll have to be up to standards under his wing. However, I have to say that she is indeed capable. I had a talk with her some time ago, and I definitely sensed hatred towards Mu Yuchen and Xi Xiaye in her tone. Ah Feng, we're in a passive position right now, and I notice that Uncle Qi has been meeting his private lawyer quite frequently lately. Do you think..."

Gu Lingsha looked at Qi Feng hesitantly.

“He sees Qi Lei differently now. He will definitely reward him one way or another even if I take over Qi Kai.

“But it feels like Lei has been curse. He’s taken Mu Yuchen and Xi Xiaye’s side. He was actually defending them. Plus, I really have no idea how to deal with my parents’ issue now. My mother sent evidence to the court, and I’m sure the court summons will reach my father in the next few days. Don’t you have any ideas?” She stopped beside Qi Feng and looked at him with those sorrowful eyes of hers.

“What other methods do you think can solve their problems? You should know your parents better than anyone else.”

Qi Feng’s eyes darkened when Gu Qiwu and Doris were mentioned and his tone sounded cold as well. “Moreover, it’s not like we can get involved in their matter.”

“Then, what should I do? Just watch them make this mess and actually get divorced? How many people do you think are watching this? Should I let Mu Yuchen and the others just laugh at us?”

“Alright, Shasha, let me think about it. The issue is to deal with Mother right now. Father won’t stop if she doesn’t let up. Instead of talking to me, you might as well try to convince your mother.”

“Ah Feng, do these matters really tire you out? You’ve been watching this whole thing like an outsider. There are no benefits to us at all if my parents actually get divorced! If Father officially takes Mu Lingshi back...I know my father too well. He hasn’t been really happy with me lately. He actually got his subordinates to do a DNA test between me and him in secret.”

Gu Lingsha was worried. She somehow found out about Gu Qiwu’s task for Ah Yong.

“Mother’s actions are indeed surprising. Fortunately, the information is still suppressed. It’s not really a big deal if Father keeps quiet about it. The evidence is long gone now, so I’m sure he won’t want to stir it up.”

“But Father and Mother are really against each other right now. She’s determined to get a divorce, and it seems like she’ll be getting a portion of the Hui Gu Corporation shares, but Father doesn’t want to give

her anything. If things get to a stage whereby it's too late, I really don't know who I should side with. Mother forced herself to be discharged from the hospital this morning, and she warned me to pick a side. Just what does she mean by that?"

"If we're forced to make a choice, we can only stand on your mother's side. I'm sure you know the reason why." Qi Feng's tone was firm.

Gu Lingsha's expression froze for a moment. "Father didn't seem like he was going to take Mu Lingshi in, or else, he wouldn't have waited for so long. I met Father in the hospital earlier today. She is in great conflict with Father. It's not something that can be solved in an instant—"

Rat-a-tat.

A knock interrupted Gu Lingsha.

"Come in," Qi Feng answered.

Morrison came in followed by a young man with a bouquet of white chrysanthemums in his hands.

"First Master, this guy is looking for you!"

"Hi, are you Mr. Qi Feng?" the young man asked with a smile.

Qi Feng raised his eyebrows before nodding. "That's me."

The man smiled. "Greetings Mr. Qi Feng, I'm from Smile Florist. CEO Xi from Fuhua sent you some flowers. Please sign here." He then handed the bouquet to Qi Feng.

CEO Xi of Fuhua? Xi Xiaye?

Her name appeared in Qi Feng's head.

However, his expression darkened instantly when he saw the flowers...

Chapter 1167. Doubt and Suspicion (1)

White chrysanthemums...

Those flowers were meant for dead people!

The atmosphere in the office became heavy. Even Morrison could sense an overwhelming pressure.

However, it only lasted for a moment. Qi Feng soon put on a sweet smile, the same one that made Gu Lingsha fell for him. He even forgot how unhappy he had been just a while ago.

Qi Feng slowly took the flowers and signed his name.

“Please thank CEO Xi for me.” His smile was warm and gentle.

Morrison was confused about the chill that just ran down his spine.

“CEO Xi also wishes you a speedy recovery. Goodbye!” The young man then left.

Giving him these flowers and wishing him a speedy recovery? Did she really think he did not know what the flower language was?

Qi Feng looked at the white chrysanthemums and smiled.

Xi Xiaye?

Interesting...

Gu Lingsha observed Qi Feng's reaction. Naturally, she had no idea what Qi Feng was thinking about as she did not know what happened between them before. From her perspective, the chrysanthemum represented encouragement, and Qi Feng seemed to be pretty fond of chrysanthemums.

It was a sign of friendliness!

Who else could Fuhua's CEO Xi be aside from Xi Xiaye?

Xi Xiaye!

Gu Lingsha was instantly in a bad mood when she thought about her. Her expression turned cold as she took a deep breath and stared right at Qi Feng.

"Ah Feng, what is this? CEO Xi? Is this from that witch Xi Xiaye? Why did she give you flowers? Why? Since when were you on such friendly terms with her?" Her cold tone was filled with jealousy!

Qi Feng frowned as he looked over at her. His eyes darkened when he saw the cold expression on her face, and he handed the flowers to Morrison. "Put these inside a vase."

"No, you don't! Throw them away right now. Do you hear me?!" Gu Lingsha grabbed the flowers before Morrison could take it. She then slammed them hard onto the floor! The bouquet was smashed and petals scattered everywhere.

Qi Feng's expression darkened as he stared at her for a moment. He then turned towards Morrison to command, "Clean this up."

"You owe me an explanation for this, Qi Feng. Since when are you on friendly terms with Xi Xiaye? First, there was Weiwei, and now you too! Don't think that I don't know that the umbrella Weiwei has been hogging around all day belongs to Xi Xiaye! I've been waiting for an explanation for that. Can you say something?"

Gu Lingsha took a deep breath before lashing out in anger. She shot Qi Feng an angry glare.

Qi Weier's condition was getting worse. She hugged the big, black umbrella all day, yet she was afraid of her own mother getting close to her. She suppressed her anger and tried to get closer, but she was deemed less important than Xi Xiaye whom she had just met several times!

Gu Lingsha did not know about it at first. She only started trying to find out when she noticed that Qi Weier was obsessed over the umbrella. Then, she found out it was from Xi Xiaye! Assuming that it was just a trivial matter, she did not think that Xi Xiaye would influence her long-time relationship with Qi Feng.

However, after she heard those words from Doris lately...

Gu Lingsha could not bear children anymore, and with Qi Weier's current condition, would the Qi family really accept them?

She did use marriage to bind Qi Feng down now, but was it strong enough to hold him forever?

After all, her parents, who had been in love for so many years, were now on the verge of a divorce.

Did true love really exist?

Did forever really exist?

Would Qi Feng love her forever?

She might still have an answer if she had asked herself these questions before, but what about now?

Could she still answer them earnestly?

She was afraid...

She was getting sensitive. How was she going to bear all of these?

“Manager Gu...” Morrison called out to her quietly.

“Get out!” Gu Lingsha stared right at Qi Feng’s face.

“Nonsense.”

Qi Feng grabbed a pen and signed the document he flipped open just now. He then handed it to Gu Lingsha. “She sent me a flower congratulating my return to Qi Kai. It’s just business. Is there a problem?”

“Business? Do you think I’m a fool? Why didn’t she give me any flowers when I came here to work? Just what’s going on between Weiwei and her? Have you ever given me an explanation? What’s your relationship with her? Judging by our conflict with Mu Yuchen, why would she lend you her umbrella?” Gu Lingsha questioned him endlessly.

“I’ve told you that we’re not related. Believe it or not, it just happened. I’ve signed the document, so take it away. Do not speak about private matters in the office ever again.”

Qi Feng glanced at her irritatedly and his tone sounded cold too.

“Private matters? So you know that’s a private matter too? Didn’t you just say it’s just business for her to send you flowers? It’s a work matter, isn’t it? How is that a private matter? Don’t tell me you’re becoming like Qi Lei!” Gu Lingsha could feel anger filling up her whole body.

“You’re not in your right mind now. Go calm down. You’ve been becoming more and more unreasonable lately!” Qi Feng sounded annoyed. He took a deep breath and eased his tone to say, “Rest if you’re emotionally overloaded. I know you’ve been under a lot of stress lately.”

Chapter 1168. Doubt and Suspicion (2)

Qi Feng did not want any infighting to happen, so he tried to calm the situation down.

Gu Lingsha was really sensitive lately. Perhaps, she was really upset about Gu Qiwu and Doris.

“Unreasonable? Ah Feng, how could you say that? Have you ever tried to help me out in any way since my parents were in conflict? You know that I’m having a tough time, and then now there’s Mu Lingshi to worry about. Don’t you know what’s awaiting me?” Gu Lingsha bit her lip, her eyes betraying her panic.

“You’ve misunderstood, Manager Gu. First Master has nothing to do with Xi Xiaye and was about to visit Mr. Gu for a discussion...” Morrison could not stand it any longer, so he decided to speak up.

Gu Lingsha stared at him coldly. He instantly kept quiet and moved aside. Then, he swiftly and quietly left the office.

Only Qi Feng and Gu Lingsha were left inside the room.

“I don’t mind putting in the effort if I can get them to reconcile, but do you think it’s possible now that things have turned out this way?” Qi Feng’s eyes turned hard. “Could you accept it if you were them? Do you really think you can help them not be suspicious and unreasonable with each other?”

Gu Lingsha’s expression froze when she saw his unhappy glance. She took a deep breath and said, “Ah Feng, I didn’t do it on purpose. I’m just worried that Xi Xiaye has some other intentions by suddenly giving you flowers like this. It’s odd. I’m worried that she might try to brainwash you like Qi Lei. The conflict between Mu Yuchen and I can’t be solved with just a few words. Now that you still can’t walk, and with Weiwei like that, plus Lingtian...”

“If you understand that her effort is futile, then why worry? Do you really think I’d forget our purpose here?” Qi Feng asked as he left the document on the table. “You’ve not been doing well recently. The psychiatrist will be counseling Weiwei at home. You should stay with her and take a break from work. Father doesn’t seem to be in a good mood too, but I can’t really take time to visit because of work.”

Qi Feng looked at Gu Lingsha with his earnest eyes. “Just stop worrying and focus on being Mrs. Qi. Other women aren’t important, so you don’t have to be suspicious at all. Yes, Weiwei likes Xi Xiaye, but you just have to spend more time with her and let her depend on you. No matter how much of a failure I am, I don’t want my wife to suffer.”

Her anger calmed down a little., “Alright, but...if Xi Xiaye sends you anything else in the future, you have to turn it down! Just who does she think she is?”

1He nodded.

Gu Lingsha grabbed the document on the table and headed out, trampling on the white chrysanthemums she just threw on the floor on the way out.

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“First Master!” Morrison quickly came into the office after Gu Lingsha left. “Are you alright?”

Morrison understood Gu Lingsha’s attitude pretty well. She was very suspicious of others, so he gave Qi Feng a worried glance.

As Qi Feng waved his hand, Morrison went over and pushed towards the working table.

“She’s not the same person as before now. She panicked after experiencing those stuff. She’s still a woman after all...” Qi Feng sounded helpless.

“First Master, the issue between Mr. Gu and Madam Gu is enough to keep her anxious. With Ms. Weiwei like that too, it’s been pretty tough for her. However, she truly loves you. She’s still been by your side after all these years, hasn’t she?”

Although Morrison was not very fond of Gu Lingsha, he did not want their relationship to end.

“I’ve known Lingsha for over 20 years. She’s the only one I’ve been with. I’ve always wanted her to become my wife. If she can continue like this, the position as Mrs. Qi will naturally be hers. However, her performance has been disappointing lately. She becomes really irrational every time things involve Mu Yuchen and Xi Xiaye. I’m sure you’ve heard about what happened. If not for Weiwei, she might have actually gotten married to Mu Yuchen,” Qi Feng said in a depressed tone while his eyes were filled with complex emotions.

“So, Master, you think that Manager Gu...she might actually have intended to marry Mu Yuchen at that time?” Morrison had been working alongside Qi Feng for many years, thus he could somewhat guess what he was thinking.

Qi Feng did not answer and just closed his eyes. “Mu Yuchen is influential after all, and I personally admire him a lot. However, it’s just in the past. We can’t go back ever again. Shasha has always been my woman. Moreover, Mu Yuchen has Xi Xiaye now.

“Mu Yuchen is indeed capable. He’s one of the most powerful people in City Z, so it won’t be easy for us to go against him. Su Chen and Zhou Zimo will be troublesome to deal with as well. There’s also Second Master...I’m a bit worried about him, especially with CEO Qi’s attitude recently.”

“Did something happen to Qi Lei lately?”

“Not really. He’s been going to work on time and then staying at home after work. He hardly leaves his house. Ever since Wang Qin died, his personality has suddenly changed. I suppose Wang Qin’s death left a huge impact on him and CEO Qi as well.”

“I have my own thoughts about Qi Lei. As for Mu Yuchen, I’ll make sure that he’ll have it rough later on. Give Gu Qiwu a call. I need to have a talk with him.”

“Yes, First Master! I’ll contact him right away.” Morrison nodded before leaving the room.

Chapter 1169. Bitterness, Aggrieved? (1)

Qi Feng leaned against the chair after the door closed. The chill on his face disappeared and only fatigue remained...

At times, Qi Feng had no idea what his purpose of living was.

Was he doing all of these for the sake of revenge or for his family?

Did he really have a family?

He never felt like he belonged to a family. He always received sarcasm from Wang Qin and Qi Feng treated him coldly

1He did not do anything wrong, but why did life treat him this way?

Just because he was an illegitimate child?

No matter how well he performed, he was still branded as subpar when he was beside Qi Lei.

Besides Wang Qin looking down on him, his grandparents sided with her as well, and Doris also looked down on him.

He always hid his feelings and never complained to anyone. People only saw how Qi Qiming showered him with love, thinking that he always provided him with the best, but no one knew that was the only good thing that happened to Qi Feng.

He struggled on the brink of death, and now he looked past it all.

He did not want to believe his life revolved around tragedies. He wanted to make it out, not just for benefits. After all, he just did not want to lead a boring, ordinary life...

He must not!

...

On the other hand, Qi Lei, who had been caught red-handed by Mu Yuchen, was feeling uneasy after he fled.

1What a coincidence!

He quickly finished his discussion with his client before returning to his office. The clueless Yang Sheng followed behind him.

After they got out of the elevator and was on the way back to Qi Lei's office, Yang Sheng could not help but ask, "Master Qi, what happened? You don't seem alright."

Master Qi had been acting weird and kept blushing since the afternoon. He also seemed a little annoyed as though he was a young girl who just got confessed to!

"What's wrong? I'm fine." Qi Lei took a pause and glanced at him although his gaze did not seem very pleased.

Yang Sheng raised his eyebrows and caught up with him to probe again, "Master Qi, Master Qi, did Ms. Dongfang accept your confession? Or did you steal Ms. Dongfang's equipment in the game again?"

He could only think of these situations that might have made him flustered. Yang Sheng had been speaking with Qi Lei more casually nowadays, and he found that his boss was actually pretty easygoing after he got to know him better.

"Yang Sheng, you've been relating everything I do to Dongfang Liuyun. Are you interested in her? Don't you already have a wife? Forget about her. Disregarding the fact that she's my woman now, do you really think you can keep her under control?"

1"Master Qi, how far have Ms. Dongfang and you gone?"

Yang Sheng particularly captured the fact that he mentioned she was "his woman", so his eyes brightened up.

Qi Lei shot him a disgusted look. "I'm saying that in the game, women like her..."

He took a deep breath and continued, "She's not an easy target. I have no idea what I need to catch her attention."

"Antiques! Master Qi! Everyone knows Ms. Dongfang loves antiques!" Yang Sheng said.

“Can you become an antique yourself and let her study you? We’re just friends. We might not be that compatible.”

“Master Qi, I know you like a woman like Ms. Xiaye, but there’s only one Xi Xiaye in this world, and she already belongs to Mu Yuchen, so stop thinking about her. You can’t always cling to her, can you?” Yang Sheng gave Qi Lei a worried glance.

Qi Lei slowed down as he put his hands into his pockets, then said, “Yang Sheng, between Mu Yuchen and I, who’s better-looking? Who would a girl prefer?”

Yang Sheng was shocked by his sudden question, but he smiled. “Of course, it’s you. Chairman Mu seems boring. You’re generous and handsome. Plus, you have a humorous personality, thus I’m sure you score much better than him! It took Chairman Mu so many years to just have one scandal with Ms. Xiaye. How could he compare up to you?”

1“Are you an idiot? Do you think I don’t know you’re just flattering me?! I know myself. Mu Yuchen is pretty good...He’s handsome and talented...What’s with that look? I don’t think of him that way...”

“Manager Gu...” Yang Sheng suddenly said.

Qi Lei looked forward and instantly saw Gu Lingsha holding a document in her hand while walking towards his office.

Qi Lei halted his steps the moment he saw her, and his expression returned to its usual calmness.

She gave him a complicated glance. It was a confused, doubtful glance. Somehow, she overheard Qi Lei mentioning something about not looking at Mu Yuchen that way?

Could it be...

“What’s the matter?” Qi Lei interrupted her thoughts.

“Lei—”

Gu Lingsha felt hurt by his cold and distant attitude.

Nevertheless, he gave her a cold glance and noticed that she looked pale and exhausted. Then, he opened the door to his office.

“Come and talk inside. Yang Sheng, get me a cup of tea and a cup of coffee for Manager Gu.”

Chapter 1170. Bitterness, Aggrieved? (2)

Qi Lei then went into his office.

“Yes, Master Qi!”

Yang Sheng took a peek at Gu Lingsha before leaving while she waited for a while before heading inside.

Qi Lei went to his table and put the documents in his hands on it. Then, he grabbed the documents that had been left on his table to look through them. These documents required his signature to proceed.

Gu Lingsha came in and stopped behind him, gripping the documents in her hands tightly as she was just dazed watching him from behind. Qi Lei did not notice her standing behind him. He grabbed a pen and started signing the documents.

He turned around when he heard Yang Sheng’s voice and saw that Gu Lingsha was still there. “Have a seat. Say what you need to, but I have an appointment later.”

He stopped avoiding her and was just treating her coldly right now. Gu Lingsha felt the pain as their relationship felt like strangers now.

While Qi Lei sat down on the other end of the sofa, Yang Sheng handed him a cup of tea. Gu Lingsha pondered for a moment before heading over.

“Thank you.”

Gu Lingsha took a sip from the coffee Yang Sheng prepared and looked at Qi Lei who was casually enjoying his tea.

Qi Lei did not particularly like tea in the past. He used to prefer coffee, but he had changed. Similarly, while he used to be called a Casanova, he had stopped visiting entertainment sites. He had made a 180-degree turn and became someone she did not recognize.

“Do you still hate me?” she asked quietly after taking a sip of the coffee again as she put the documents she held down. Her tone sounded helpless, and she emitted a depressive vibe around her.

Was it because of what happened between Gu Qiwu and Doris?

“I don’t have the energy to hate someone every day. There’s nothing wrong with being carefree. Moreover, you’re my sister-in-law right now, and we’re working in the same company, aren’t we?” Qi Lei lifted his head and glanced at her.

Gu Lingsha’s expression froze as she lowered her eyes in disappointment. “I feel sad every time I think about it. I never expected things to turn out this way. Conflict has made us forget about the good old times. I don’t know what went wrong between us! Qi Lei, is there no way for us to be like before?”

She seemed lost when she looked at Qi Lei while her gaze seemed fragile as she tried her best to stop tears from falling out. “I thought about it a lot. Perhaps, I’m in the wrong. We might still be able to go back to our past relationship if you stayed out of the conflict between Mu Yuchen and us. Isn’t that the best option? I only have two friends: Lingtian and you. Lingtian passed away, and I don’t want to lose you...or else, I won’t even have anyone to talk to...”

Her tears started falling as she spoke. She did not want to pretend to be strong anymore. She felt weak, aggrieved, and helpless as she covered her little face and sobbed silently.

Frowning, Qi Lei just watched her without saying a thing.

“Is there any way to stop them from getting a divorce? Why must things turn out like this? Qi Lei, tell me, what else can I do?” Gu Lingsha clumsily wiped the tears off her face.

“You should ask Qi Feng instead of me. Do I have to remind you what our relationship is right now?” Qi Lei said coldly, “We have nothing to do with each other anymore, Shasha. I’m not a cruel person, and you know that.”

“Qi Lei, your brother changed too. I can feel that he’s getting colder towards me. He might not treat me like he used to be. He’s been in contact with Xi Xiaye, and she even sent flowers to him just now...” Gu Lingsha sniffed as she gave Qi Lei a helpless glance. “Ever since my parents got into conflict, he...”

“I’m sorry for what happened to your parents. It’s painful to watch a loving couple end up in divorce, but please adjust your mindset. After all, it’s their private matter and there’s only so much that we can do.” Qi Lei somewhat understood what Gu Lingsha meant.

Xi Xiaye had given Qi Feng flowers?

He did not know what her intention was, but was there something behind it? She did not even care about Qi Lei, so why would she have her eyes on that disabled guy?

He was worth nothing!

So what if he was handsome?

Qi Lei was rather handsome too!

“Qi Lei...”

“State your business!” Qi Lei impatiently interrupted.

Gu Lingsha was stunned as she looked at him with her teary eyes.

He moved the tissue box on the table nearer to her without saying anything.

Inhaling a deep breath, she put on a bitter, defeated smile as she grabbed some tissues and wiped her tears away. She grabbed her document and threw it in front of Qi Lei. She flung it so hard that his tea spilled everywhere.

“The project in City B is approved. Please decide on the next course of action!”

She then got up and ran out of the door.