

## Loving 1191

### Chapter 1191. Admit Defeat (2)

"I can answer you a thousand or a million times, and my answer will be the same. What else can I feel for you apart from loathing? If it weren't for you, the three of us wouldn't have needed to suffer so much. The Xi family, would not have turned out like this..." Xi Mushan's deep voice was heard, and one could hear the unhappiness, and sorrow in his voice.

"From very early on, you knew that I was committed to someone, but you forced Wenna to leave and trapped me with marriage. Now, you can understand that some things cannot be forced. You should've lived a good life."

"I really hate you so much right now! I hate the two of you. I hate you as much as you love each other. I'm thoroughly upset." Yue Lingsi laughed bitterly. "But even if that's the case, there's nothing I can do."

"There's karma for everything. You'll have to bear the consequences of your own actions. I don't care whether you hate me or not, but I've come here to tell you that, Yue Lingsi, there's no use forcing what doesn't belong to you. If the two could've felt contented with the way things were, we wouldn't have ended up like this. If you want to blame someone, blame yourself for asking too much and stepping over someone's bottom line."

Shen Wenna looked at Yue Lingsi with an indifferent expression. She did not seem willing to say much, so she only looked calmly at Xi Mushan and got up. "I'll wait for you in the car."

"Wenna!" Xi Mushan called out, worried that Shen Wenna would think too much.

However, Shen Wenna only looked at the two of them calmly and walked away.

"I've got nothing else to say," she said, and then her frail figure vanished from the pavilion.

In the pavilion, only Xi Mushan and Yue Lingsi were left.

“The person that I’ve always been thinking of has been Wenna. You know this more than anyone else. You contributed a lot to the Xi family, but that wasn’t what I wanted. Doesn’t the fact that I could give everything up to start over again not explain everything?” Xi Mushan sighed and said.

Yue Lingsi smiled sadly. “After you divorced Shen Wenna, I thought that I’d have a chance, yet I used my entire life to prove that you’re a heartless person. No, I should say that you’ve given all of your heart to Shen Wenna.”

“I lost and I was wrong.” She found it hard to face the truth.

How long could she be stubborn for?

“Right from the start, you lost. From the first time I saw Wenna, I’d already...I’d already known I had unswerving feelings for her.”

“But I had unswerving...”

When Yue Lingsi wanted to say ‘unswerving feelings’, she could not finish her words. She did not forget that because she wanted revenge for Xi Mushan’s cruelty, she did betray him. In fact, there had been many times...

“You know about Xinyi’s situation too. It was all because of you. Xiaye isn’t bothered about it anymore, so I hope you can face the state you’re in too. The grudges between us shouldn’t involve the children. I hope that the two sisters can do well respectively, and it’s time for everything to be concluded right here and now.”

“Do well respectively? Can Xinyi be well? She’s like me. She’s lost almost everything.”

Yue Lingsi’s eyes were filled with mixed emotions. She did not know how she should face Xi Xinyi, her one and only daughter.

Those hurtful words were still ringing in her ears. Even though their relationship had calmed down, once some cracks were there, they could never be fixed.

“She’s not like you. She’s still young, so it’s not too late,” Xi Mushan said, “She’s your daughter.”

Yue Lingsi forced a smile. “And yours too.”

“Yes, that’s why I hope that she’ll do well. The same goes for Xiaye too.” Xi Mushan stood with his arms behind his back as he looked at Yue Lingsi. “You probably regret your choices back then now, don’t you?”

“What’s the point of regretting it? If I knew today would come, I might not have chosen to meet you. I hate Shen Wenna. I hate the way she can lock you down by doing nothing at all while I...”

A teary glimmer flashed in Yue Lingsi’s eyes. “But right now, I can only surrender to my fate, so I won’t wish you well either!”

“That’s up to you as long as you think you’ll feel better that way. If there’s a next lifetime, just don’t meet me again,” Xi Mushan finally said that, and then left the pavilion.

Yue Lingsi’s stifled cries were heard...

It was all over. Perhaps, this was truly the end.

She cried for a while before she felt a warmth on her shoulders as a light-colored coat was draped on her shoulders. She turned around and saw that Xi Xinyi had appeared behind her.

“Xinyi—”

Yue Lingsi trembled slightly, unable to help her sadness from spilling out.

Xi Xinyi’s gaze was calm as she watched the teary-eyed Yue Lingsi. Her eyes were filled with mixed emotions.

“You can give up now,” Xi Xinyi said.

Yue Lingsi cried and forced a laugh. “From the moment I met him, my heart’s never lived. Maybe humans just have no respect for ourselves. The more we can’t get something, the more we want it. I tried so hard, but it was just useless...He’s right too. This is a matter between the three of us. There’s no need to implicate you and Xi Xiaye. I was just too narrow-minded and led you astray. I know life is hard for you right now. Don’t go provoking Xi Xiaye anymore. If the two of you can exist in harmony, or do well respectively, that would be a good thing too.”

Do well respectively?

Exist in harmony?

When Xi Xinyi heard these words, she could not help but laugh.

If she really wanted to do all that, it would not be that easy.

She was still figuring out how to get Han Yifeng and her son back...

Mu Yuchen, how are you supposed to help me?

Xi Xinyi did not know why, but she was willing to trust Mu Yuchen. She seemed to see a sliver of hope within him, especially when she received orders for her to work with Qi Lei.

She knew that her chance had come!

“Care about yourself first. Don’t worry about me,” Xi Xinyi responded.

Yue Lingsi smiled bitterly and did not say any more. She waved at the nurse in front of her, and the nurse quickly walked over to wheel her away.

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The sunny and cloudless weather from the past few days added some heat to the atmosphere. Even the air felt a little turbid.

It was only when a jubilant pouring of the rain came did the air feel crisp and clean again, making one feel spirited.

By the window sill of De Bao, Dongfang Liuyun was lying in the rattan chair as always while she casually flipped through ancient texts. The rain continued to pour outside, and De Bao seemed even more unusually quiet.

No one could be sure how long had passed when suddenly outside the door, the beaded curtains were drawn...

Chapter 1192. Ideal Partner (1)

Dongfang Liuyun's delicate lashes fluttered, but she did not move much as she continued to quietly flip through the book before her.

Soon, a courteous voice was heard.

"Miss Dongfang, flowers for you. Please sign for it!"

Flowers?

Raising her brows, Dongfang Liuyun then looked up to see the flower delivery person already walking over.

It was a huge bouquet of brilliantly red roses. Every one of the flowers was in full bloom, practically blocking the view of the delivery person.

Dongfang Liuyun looked at the large bouquet of roses before her in shock. Without even taking it, she squinted at the delivery person and asked calmly, “Who sent it?”

“Miss Dongfang, it’s from Mr. Fujiwara...”

Fujiwara?

A lukewarm smile flashed across Dongfang Liuyun’s lips. She took it and swiftly signed for it, then the young man quickly left De Bao.

Bam!

Almost in the next second, a fiery red arc appeared and flew out the window. Immediately, a cry was heard.

“Argh—”

When she heard the familiar voice, Dongfang Liuyun frowned and got up to look towards the window. She then realized that the person standing outside was—

Qi Lei!

Dressed in a tailored suit, he was holding the bouquet that she had just thrown out. He did not have an umbrella in hand, so the misty drizzle drenched his shoulders.

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“Why are you here?”

Dongfang Liuyun continued to sit on the rattan chair while she looked up at Qi Lei before her.

Qi Lei shrugged, his handsome face flashing with a smile. He glanced down at the rose bouquet in his arms as he smiled and said, "Wow, you're quite popular, aren't you? Which man sent this? Is he broke, sending such tacky flowers?"

Dongfang Liuyun shot him a side look, but she kept quiet.

"Don't be unhappy now. I'm being honest. Take me for example. If I were to send flowers, I'd only give women roses made of gold!" Qi Lei smiled and said.

"I haven't gone home for a few months now, so I don't know anything about my mother. If you've come because of Gu Qiwu's court case, then I'm sorry. I really can't comment."

Dongfang Liuyun was an observant person. Obviously, she knew about Gu Qiwu and Doris. In fact, her mother was Gu Qiwu's lawyer. With the court session happening soon, some people began to be worried as well.

When Qi Lei heard her statement, he raised his brows and grinned. "You're really smooth. How did you know my intentions?"

"Instead of worrying about other people, you should be worrying about yourself."

Dongfang Liuyun set her book aside, got up, and walked to the small side table. "Tea or coffee?"

"Pu'er tea. That Pu'er from the last time was pretty good."

Qi Lei sat down on the chair and picked up the book that she had just put down. He flipped through it as he asked, "Do you know about my matters?"

Even though Dongfang Liuyun was not a large-scale business person like Qi Lei, she still knew some things. When she had gone to the library yesterday, she saw Yang Sheng returning some books for Qi Lei. Yang Sheng had a good impression of Dongfang Liuyun. He hoped that she could be someone Qi Lei

fancied and he knew that becoming Missus Qi would not be something one could achieve within a day or two.

So, whenever he bumped into Dongfang Liuyun, he would take the initiative to tell her about Qi Lei's matters. He would avoid the important things and dwell on the trivial ones. What about Dongfang Liuyun? She was a smart one, so she could immediately decipher what he meant.

"I know a little," Dongfang Liuyun answered calmly as she steeped the tea.

"I didn't think that you'd be so competitive in games and always want to beat others, but in real life, you're quite honest and dutiful. The way you're doing it, it's easy for people to take advantage of you unless you're like me. Learn about archaeology. Dealing with historical relics and dead things is better than fighting with these live people," Dongfang Liuyun said. Soon, she brought over two cups of tea.

When Qi Lei heard that, his handsome face froze. He hesitated, then he slowly reached out to get the tea. After he carefully took a sip, he responded, "Isn't it good to know one's place?"

"It's good but you'll be easily taken advantage of. If you were in those dramas with power struggles in the palace, you wouldn't survive to see the second episode."

Dongfang Liuyun casually sat down and smiled faintly at him.

"Do I look like such a foolish person to you?"

Qi Lei was not pleased to hear that, and his eyes were filled with unhappiness.

Dongfang Liuyun raised her brows as the curve on her lips widened. She lowered her head to drink some tea, then set aside the cup and slowly got up. She walked to the bookshelf on the side and tidied up the slightly messy books.

"I've heard about your esteemed father and mother. I admire your mother's bravery very much. I had the honor of meeting her once or twice before this. She's a very responsible woman. You should be grateful to have a mother like her."



“You knew my mother too?”

Now, Qi Lei was really amazed.

“I didn’t know she was your mother before this. I just suddenly thought of it afterward. She met my mother before, and I just bumped into them, so I do remember her a little. You should look for a good wife like her. Maybe you won’t have to go through such a tough time then...” Dongfang Liuyun suddenly lamented and voiced out her thoughts towards the end of her sharing.

Upon hearing that, Qi Lei laughed out loud and just said, “I’m a whole man. Do I need a woman to put up a front for me?”

Dongfang Liuyun calmly put the book back onto the shelf, as she responded, “It’s not about putting up a front. You’re just not vicious, so you won’t be able to stand your ground. Humans have always found it hard to change.”

Qi Lei examined Dongfang Liuyun for a while and could not help but ask, “I’m not vicious and won’t be able to stand my ground? Miss Dongfang, what does your ideal partner look like?”

“Mine? She looks frigid, and even though she’s really good at games, there’s a hint of apathy from inside her bones, one that can’t be warmed. When you spoke to her, she just feels indifferent.”

He was talking about a woman like Dongfang Liuyun!

No wonder she was called Liuyun like the flowing clouds!

It was too fitting for the person that she was.

When Dongfang Liuyun heard that, she did not even pause what she was doing as she answered calmly, “I’m afraid I really can’t answer you about that, but he definitely doesn’t look like a man like you.”

“Why?”

Qi Lei was even more curious now as his eyes fixed on Dongfang Liuyun. Because of her answer, he found it even more peculiar!

Any man who heard this would feel the same, would he not?

Why?

Dongfang Liuyun then slowly stopped what she was doing...

“Because only those who are strong enough can be with me...”

Chapter 1193. Ideal Partner (2)

When she said that, for some reason, Qi Lei could actually hear a hint of sadness as if she was mocking herself.

He looked up at her, yet he realized that she had already turned away and continued to arrange the bookshelf before her. However, he also suddenly saw a trace of bleakness and loneliness.

“It’s a good thing that the living can fight for some things. It’s better than dead people. Many times, all the so-called not fighting for something is just a weakness. Humans are so insignificant, but we might not be that insignificant either.”

Dongfang Liuyun paused. When she saw that Qi Lei did not say anything, she continued.

Qi Lei gripped the cup in his hand tighter after a moment. He hesitated for a long while, then smiled and said, “Are you discussing the philosophy of life with me right now?”

Upon hearing that, she stopped what she was doing and silently turned to him. Her beautiful eyes were as bright as the stars as a light of amusement gathered in them while she squinted at Qi Lei. “If you want to think of it that way, that’s fine too. To me, you really do seem like a rebellious student sometimes.”

“But I’m not your student!” A devilish smile appeared on Qi Lei’s lips.

Dongfang Liuyun raised her brows. “If I had a student like you, I’d age quickly.”

“Why don’t I see you online as much these days?” Qi Lei nonchalantly lowered his head to sip his tea as he asked. He obviously did not express that without her online for the past few days, he did not see the point in playing himself.

“I left City Z for a few days. I had a friend who managed to get quite some gems over there, so I went over to take a look and only returned recently. I’m not so free like you. After all, I’ve got a business to run.”

“Mr. Dongfang’s heir, it’s not a bad thing to just look around. Why do you have to work so hard as a woman? If you’re so capable, men might not like it!” Qi Lei began to sound like an egoistic man now. He squinted at Dongfang Liuyun. You could see the fatigue in her eyes. In fact, her dark circles seemed quite obvious too. Even though she had put on simple makeup, you could still faintly see it.

Dongfang Liuyun smiled calmly, the corner of her lips curving up. “Weak men are usually afraid of their own women being too capable. If a man can’t even like themselves, how are people going to like them? Sometimes, I really don’t like men who earn more than I do.”

“Why not?” Qi Lei was confused by Dongfang Liuyun’s thought process now. He widened his eyes.

“What woman wouldn’t hope for their man to earn lots? What kind of thought process is this?”

“To conquer men through capabilities makes me feel more accomplished. Aren’t you men like this too? You’re always hoping that your women can help you step up in career. In politics, you hope that your women can help you have a meteoric rise in your career. In business, you hope your women can merge with you for strength. That’s just reality.”

As Dongfang Liuyun said this, her tone was calm and you could not hear anything from her voice. Qi Lei wanted to analyze something from her eyes, but he only caught plain bleakness.

“Aren’t your Mr. Dongfang’s heiress too?”

Qi Lei did not quite understand Dongfang Liuyun. It should be women with poor conditions that felt angry and indignant, but now...

The Dongfang family was considered in the upper echelon within City Z, and Mr. Dongfang and his wife were quite influential in City Z too. Even though he does not have much contact with them, Qi Lei knew that with Dongfang Liuyun's identity, she was a bright pearl in City Z although she merely had always been low-profile, so the outsiders rarely heard about her relationship with the Dongfang family.

"What's his is his. That's got nothing much to do with me. That's his glorious life. Even if I want to be an idle second generation, what difference would it be from rearing a pig?"

"Rearing a pig?" Qi Lei was shocked. He then cleared his throat and lowered his head to take a sip of tea. "We can still eat the pork when the pig's slaughtered, but for humans, I don't think..."

At this, he wanted to say more, but—

Ding ding—

At this moment, the beaded curtains could be heard again, so Qi Lei immediately stopped talking and turned to look. When he saw who walked in, he was taken aback.

"Mayor...Uncle Xi..."

That was right. The person who had walked in was Xi Mushan!

When Xi Mushan saw Qi Lei, he was clearly shocked too. He stopped walking and asked in surprise, "Qi Lei? What are you doing here?"

Xi Mushan came to visit Dongfang Liuyun personally today. Classes were about to start soon and Dongfang Liuyun had yet to agree to lecture at University A. She only agreed to be a visiting professor, so Xi Mushan had come over to talk to her.

Dongfang Liuyun turned around. When she saw Xi Mushan, she smiled politely. “Long time no see, Vice-Chancellor Xi!”

“Miss Dongfang, I’ve presumptuously come to bother you again,” Xi Mushan smiled and said humbly.

“Have a seat. Chancellor Su has told me before, and I’ve been considering it these past few days,” Dongfang Liuyun said as she swiftly handed Xi Mushan a cup of tea.

By now, Qi Lei could tell that this should be about Dongfang Liuyun lecturing at University A. He did know about that at least.

“We’ve earnestly considered the conditions from you, Miss Dongfang, and I think we can accept them, but we’re just hoping that about applying to study your Ph.D., you could help us out. With your talents, I trust that we’ll have a good chance of success,” Xi Mushan said.

Dongfang Liuyun sat down casually and pondered for a moment. Then, she nodded and said, “Your university does have the capacity to integrate it, so I’m not too worried about that. I’ll do my best.”

“Have you decided to stay and teach at University A?” Qi Lei was thrilled.

Previously, Dongfang Liuyun seemed to be planning on going to the West with an inspection team. He had subconsciously been hoping that she would not have to go far. It was dangerous and she was a girl, so it was best for her to stay here.

“Mmm, I’ve been busy for quite a few years now. I think it’s time to pause for a year or two,” Dongfang Liuyun lowered her gaze and answered calmly.

“That would be really great. We really welcome you to our team.”

“No worries, Vice-Chancellor Xi. Just call me Dongfang, or Liuyun works too.” Dongfang Liuyun beamed gladly. “I know your daughter, Miss Xi, too. Earlier, Elder Mu even called me about this. You have all worked hard.”

“It’s not hard at all. As long as you’re willing to come teach at University A, it’s a great thing to celebrate.”

Chapter 1194. For Kinship, For Justice (1)

As they chatted late into the night, they then decided to have dinner together.

It was already late at night when they all left respectively.

When Qi Lei reached his villa, Yang Sheng had already been waiting for a long time on the sofa.

Upon seeing Qi Lei walk in, Yang Sheng immediately went up to him.

“Master Qi, you’re finally back!”

“What’s up?” Qi Lei casually changed his shoes as he asked.

“Is CEO Qi really going to let Xi Xinyi work with you? Aren’t Xi Xinyi and Miss Xiaye...I’m concerned. Master, they’re trying to drive a wedge in your relationship with Chairman Mu and Miss Xiaye,” Yang Sheng asked worriedly.

Qi Lei was quite calm as he casually went to wash his hands and then went back to sit on the sofa where Yang Sheng had already poured him a cup of water.

“Xi Xinyi...”

Qi Lei was obviously worried. He knew that Xi Xinyi was one of Mu Yuchen’s pawns. Mu Yuchen had even especially asked him to secretly watch over her. In fact, Qi Kai did have work collaborations with Han Yifeng’s company.

“If it’s about her, you don’t have to worry about it. I know what to do. Right, what’s Mu Yuchen up to? Why did he just randomly go abroad for work without saying a word?”

“I heard that he’s got something to attend to in New York, so he rushed off that day. Even Miss Xiaye had to rush to send him off at the airport. Otherwise, she might not have made it in time.” Yang Sheng did find out a little about it.

Qi Lei nodded. “Got it. Continue to pay attention to that then.”

“Okay, Master Qi! Right, Master and Manager Gu seem to be fighting at home. It’s because of Xiaye. Manager Gu thought that there was something between First Master and Miss Xiaye, so she’s been having her suspicions,” Yang Sheng updated carefully.

Upon hearing that, Qi Lei immediately smiled nonchalantly. “Gu Lingsha’s like that...This will only push people away! A cripple like Qi Feng? Did she think Xiaye would fancy him? Does he even deserve it? If I don’t even stand a chance, how could he? Go. You have to let Mu Yuchen use this. I’m sure he won’t be so calm about this! Why should I be upset while that fellow’s free and unbothered? She’s his woman!”

“Master Qi, I’m afraid Chairman Mu already knows about this. I heard that the last time it was Chairman Mu who sent First Master Qi the white chrysanthemums. The First Master was furious!” Yang Sheng laughed.

“Next time, tell Mu Yuchen to send Qi Feng white paper flowers. That’d be more appropriate!” Qi Lei said coldly.

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In September, the weather was cooler than the two warm months from before.

Schools were slowly reopening and University A had started classes as well. There was also the orientation for new students, so Shen Wenna and Xi Mushan were quite busy. They always left early and returned late.

Dongfang Liuyun had agreed to lecture at University A with the archaeology department. They wanted to make her the department’s head assistant, but she only agreed to become a common staff and did not take on any other positions.

She could barely catch her breath. Apart from University A, she was still the boss of De Bao, and with the title of visiting professor of several universities, she was naturally quite busy. Usually she would frequent the archaeology research center.

Meanwhile, Mu Zirui was transferred to another school. On the first day of school reopening, Xi Xiaye personally sent him to school and joined the orientation program.

With Mu Zirui's request and Mu Yuchen's personal assessment, Mu Zirui got what he wanted and enrolled straight into Year Two.

Mu Zirui walked with Xi Xiaye to the school entrance as he asked curiously, "Mother, why don't you let me board at school?"

"Right now, it's still the same timing for school as before. Isn't that good? You're still young, so there's no need to rush for school boarding. In the future, you might not even have a choice to not board at school. Great-grandfather will miss you, understand?" Xi Xiaye very gently caressed his little head.

"Oh, then I want to spend more time with Father and Mother too!" Mu Zirui said, holding onto Xi Xiaye's shirt, "And Grandfather and Grandmother and Great-grandfather!"

"Good that you think of them. Otherwise, you'd be a heartless little thing!" Xi Xiaye chuckled.

"Mother, I'm not a heartless little thing!" Mu Zirui was a little unhappy about Xi Xiaye calling him like that, so he frowned. "Father says that I must become independent and strong so that I can protect you and little brother when I grow older."

"So, is that why you want to board at school?"

"They say that boarding at school can train one's willpower," Mu Zirui said.

"I do agree on that, but you're still young. Stay by your parents' side more. I hope that you'll have a happy childhood and not one that's just filled with pressure and hardships. Do you understand?" As Xi Xiaye thought about it, she remembered herself back then.



“I’m really happy now!”

“Mother wants you to be even happier! Okay, I’m going back now. I’ll pick you up at night.”

“I can take the subway myself, Mother.”

“No, from now on you must have your family sending you and fetching you personally. No going off with strangers. That’s not safe. Didn’t you see the news lately that many people are kidnapping children to harvest their organs? You need to be more alert. What do you do if something doesn’t seem right? What did I tell you?”

Xi Xiaye had been paying attention to the television and news. They were all about children getting lost, and now she could not help but be worried.

“Gah, Mother! I got it! You’ve already said this over 10 times now! Go to places with many people. I must shout for help, and if I can’t then bite them, and I mustn’t simply eat what someone gives me. I’ll have to always remember Father and Mother’s phone numbers, and our family address, and also 110...” Mu Zirui repeated what Xi Xiaye had told him.

Even though she knew that she was being naggy, she could not help but tell him all that.

She was not like this in the past, but ever since she became the mother of two sons, she became worrisome. She would always be worried about the children. Now, she knew how hard it was to be a parent.

“You little punk! You think I’m a nag. Fine, it’s good that you remember. Quickly go back to class. I’ll pick you in the evening.”

“Bye, Mother!”

“Bye, son!”

Then, the mother and son parted ways.

This school was pretty good in terms of surroundings. Even Mu Yuchen thought it was quite great too, so she was quite pleased with it.

She just did not want her child to have any contact with those people again, so this was good.

However, Xi Xiaye clearly thought that things were too simple.

Because on that day after school ended in the evening, Mu Zirui told her that he saw Qi Weier in school!

Qi Weier had transferred over too, but she was in Year One while Mu Zirui was in Year Two. The two of them were separated by a grade.

Chapter 1195. For Kinship, For Justice (2)

Time seemed endless as if a century had passed, and Doris was still waiting for the court session to take place.

Initially, Gu Qiwu thought that he would only see Doris at court the next day, but a day before their session, she returned to the Gu family mansion.

Their court session was about to take place soon. However, Gu Qiwu could not just stop managing matters at Hui Gu, so after his meeting with Mu Lingshi at the Bamboo Teahouse, he returned to City B and did not contact Doris.

Doris had come back to pack up her things.

They had been together for 20, almost 30 years. The fact that they could just get divorced after something like that had happened, she did not feel guilty at all. Gu Qiwu could not help but feel that everything that he had put into the relationship was amusing.

Nonetheless, Gu Qiwu did not stop Doris. He just sat on the sofa indifferently and continued flipping through the document in his hand.

Suddenly, a voice was heard saying, "You shouldn't be so stubborn. You'd do better that."

Gu Qiwu paused what he was doing. He then looked up to where the sound came from. Doris stood coldly before him in all her exquisiteness while a burning hurt gathered in those cold, blue eyes.

When he saw that she was not being friendly, Ah Yong slowly went up to her, but Gu Qiwu said, "Retreat first."

Stunned, Ah Yong then nodded and answered, "Yes, Boss!" Then, he retreated.

"I shouldn't? Are you here to tell me what I shouldn't do?" Gu Qiwu smiled coldly as he slowly closed the document in his hand and responded nonchalantly in a tone that was filled with disdain, "Haven't you always thought that everything should be done as you say? Or did you think that you should be betraying me and cheating on me?"

"Gu Qiwu, don't be so mean with your words. You abandoned me first. That's the truth no matter how many times you say it. Why do I have to be faithful to you?" Doris sneered. One could not tell what she was feeling from those eyes of hers.

After a long period of recovery, her body had recuperated quite a bit. She was thinner from before, but her imposing manner did not reduce by one bit.

"You should've known that I'm like this. If I had known about your relationship with Mu Zi back then, do you think you would've had it easy?"

When Doris said this, a wave of anger flashed in her eyes. "Gu Qiwu, you're not a man. Are you happy that you messed with Mu Zi and me?"

"Doris! Even if those things are true, ask yourself how have I treated you all these years? And how have you treated me? The thing with Mu Zi was more than 20 years ago. Haven't I been good to you?"

“Do you think that everything you did could make up for that and cover up your mistakes?” Doris jeered scornfully, “Dream on! Some things, once done, are done! Now, let’s just call it even. If you’re willing to agree to my conditions, I’m willing to drop my lawsuit.”

“Agree to your conditions? Whatever it is, you’re just aiming for the Gu family’s assets, aren’t you?” A sneer flashed across Gu Qiwu’s lips and he scoffed, “You can dream on too!”

“Gu Qiwu, if you’re going to be like that, then don’t blame me for disregarding our kinship! I will always get what I should get and what I want to!” Doris’ cold tone was certain.

“If you really cared about the kinship we had, you wouldn’t have done such a thing today. Doris, don’t make yourself seem so important. It doesn’t help to use up all of my feelings for you. Not everything’s within your control!” Gu Qiwu said and his tone began to sound nonchalant.

“Alright, since you’re so confident, I will look forward to it then. Also, I know that you went to see Mu Lingshi,” Doris said, then suddenly paused as she looked at him with a sharp gaze.

“She’s my daughter with Mu Zi, so what’s wrong with meeting her?”

The smile on Doris’ face instantly looked sinister. “Now, you’re admitting to it quickly, and that’s why there’s a need for us to go to court!”

“Since she was young, Shasha has gotten many things. It’s time I make up to Lingshi now. What’s wrong with that?” Gu Qiwu gave Doris a gloomy look.

He did not know that this woman was so sinister!

She had brought Mu Lingshi up for no reason, but Gu Qiwu obviously knew what she was trying to imply!

Was she also just thinking of getting the Gu family’s assets?

“Gu Qiwu, let’s wait and see then. There isn’t much that can escape my control. There’s no way you can abandon me and step on me!” While Doris did not continue, fury blazed in her blue eyes, and finally she suppressed the anger in her heart and turned to walk out the door.

However, Doris had just walked out when Gu Lingsha’s wan and sallow face appeared before her...

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Compared to the chaos over there, Mu Yuchen’s situation was not going too well either.

Zhou Zimo had been unconscious for quite a few days now. Just last evening, he had opened his eyes in a daze and then fell into a coma again. Li Si and Xu Yayan were shocked. Later on, the doctor checked on him and said he was fine. He just had a concussion and needed more rest before he could regain consciousness.

Li Si and Xu Yayan then felt relieved.

That morning, Mu Yuchen woke up quite early. Because he had been busy handling these things until quite late last night and woke up early today, he looked quite fatigued. Li Si was worried by this sight.

“Master, how about you rest for a few days? You haven’t had a break for a while now. Have breakfast first.”

When Li Si came to send over some documents, the breakfast was still there on the table and was cold now. Clearly, Mu Yuchen had not touched it.

“It’s fine. How’s Zimo?” Mu Yuchen propped up his heavy head on one hand wearily and asked in a low, raspy voice. When he was done, he coughed lightly, sounding very hoarse and uncomfortable.

Li Si quickly poured him a cup of warm water and walked over. “Master, have a cup of water first. I’ll get you some medicine. You’ve caught a cold!”

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Perhaps because he had too much to worry about, he felt both mentally and physically exhausted. These past few years, Mu Yuchen's body had weakened since his days in the troop. Although he did not fall terribly ill, he would catch a cold easily.

Xi Xiaye wanted him to get a full-body checkup with her once he was done being busy, but when work piled on, the checkup was delayed. Even Xi Xiaye did not go herself, so they could only wait till the next public holiday before they could get checked.

He had been busy handling the incident with Zhou Zimo and dealing with the police. If things were not handled well, it would be bad for Zhou Zimo because when the time came, Zhou Zimo might have to go to jail.

Sadly, Zhou Zimo was still unconscious and it had been quite a few days now.

On the Zhou family's end, he was worried that he would not be able to keep a secret from them for long. He had called Elder Zhou before this, and the Elder complained about Zhou Zimo.

"Master!"

When Mu Yuchen did not answer him for a long time, Li Si went to get the medicine and poured him a cup of water.

Upon hearing Li Si's voice, Mu Yuchen looked up wearily and looked at the white pills in the napkin that Li Si handed him, but he did not reject them. He quietly swallowed them and drank some water as he said with a raspy voice, "Call Lawyer Henry and Lawyer Charlie over to take a look. See if we can get Zimo released on bail. No matter how much we have to pay, no one back home must know about this incident."

"Yes, Master! I got it!" Li Si's tone was unusually solemn. "However, Master, right now all the evidence points to Master Mo. I'm worried that it won't be good for him. The new company's expanding quite well over here, but the way Master Mo does things...has offended quite a number of people."

“Zimo’s like that. I’m used to it too. I always advised him to be more careful.” Mu Yuchen withdrew his hand and breathed in heavily. “If he continues like this, he will be taken advantage of.”

“Yes, Master Mo...If it were not for Master Su and Master helping out, Master Mo would probably have met a much worse fate. However, Master, this time...I’m worried that you will be implicated. Every time Master Mo gets dragged into things like this, it’s always you that worries. Aren’t they concerned about involving you too? Just like the last time, it was also here that...”

As for Zhou Zimo, Li Si knew about the three brothers very well, especially from Ah Mo. Apart from feeling bad for his Master, he would sometimes be unhappy about Zhou Zimo.

However, when Li Si said this, he stopped and his indignant voice stopped abruptly because he saw gloominess and sharpness flash in his Master’s eyes that were filling with an imposing manner, so he dared not say anything more!

He seemed to understand more now. While his Master usually looked profound, calm, and indifferent, he was on the contrary on the inside.

The Missus and the Mu family, as well as Su Chen and Zhou Zimo, were all his soft spots...

“Li Si, Su Chen and Zhou Zimo are people who have gone through 30 years with me. To me, they’re not just my friends or even my comrades in battle. They are brothers, no, they are more than that, so don’t let me hear what you said today again. This was the second time. If there’s a next time, you can resign.”

Mu Yuchen’s lowered voice contained a hint of chill, and his gaze made Li Si shudder. He quickly lowered his head and explained, “I’m sorry, Master. I understand. I just...”

1As Mu Yuchen’s eyes darkened, he took in a deep breath, then waved to Li Si to say softly, “Go out first. Wake me up in half an hour. I’m going to check on Zimo in the hospital.”

Li Si calmed down and then nodded to say, “Yes, Master!” Then, he left in a panic, afraid that Mu Yuchen would be angry.

When the door closed, Mu Yuchen leaned against the sofa wearily. This medicine seemed to have a drowsy effect. Soon, he could not hold back the sleepiness that came to him, so he fell into a deep sleep to the point that he did not even notice the phone beside him buzzing.

At this moment, it was late at night in City Z's Grand Waves Villa.

Xi Xiaye frowned and watched as the phone screen go dim again. She hesitated, then turned to look at her sons who had fallen asleep. After a while, she got down from the bed and took a cardigan from the side to put over her shoulders before walking out of the bedroom.

She called Li Si again.

Li Si did not expect that Xi Xiaye would call him. When he picked up the phone, he thought it was odd. Since he had just been softly reprimanded by Mu Yuchen, he was now careful. When he heard Xi Xiaye's voice, he felt much calmer.

"Assistant Li Si, where's your Master? Why isn't he picking up my call?"

The call had just gone through when Xi Xiaye's anxious voice was heard.

"Missus, the Master's been working through the night and he seems to have gotten a cold. I've just given him some medicine, so he's probably resting right now," Li Si explained with concern in his tone.

"A cold?"

When Xi Xiaye heard that, she frowned even more. He seemed to never know how to take good care of himself.

"Will you watch over him? How are things on that end?"

"It's a little sticky. We might need to stay here much longer. Master Mo..."



Li Si was about to mention that Zhou Zimo had not regained consciousness, but then he remembered that the Master might not have mentioned this to Missus yet. He thought about it, then felt like it was best not to say anything.

“Stay much longer? Would you be back in time for the Mid-Autumn Festival?”

“We don’t know yet, Missus. Later, when Master wakes up, I will let him know. Missus, please take good care of yourself too.”

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Li Si did not reveal too much, which made Xi Xiaye uneasy. She thought about it for a long time and decided that she could not do much, so she fell back asleep uneasily, but she had already lost sleep for the entire night.

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Meanwhile, on the other end, when Mu Yuchen rushed to the hospital, the doctor had just finished doing a checkup for Zhou Zimo.

The doctor explained Zhou Zimo’s condition to Mu Yuchen in English. The rough meaning was that Zhou Zimo’s head had suffered severe injuries, so he needed time to rest. There were no blood clots in his head, thus he would probably wake up quite soon. His other vitals were looking fine too, and he would gradually recover from his injuries.

Upon hearing the doctor say that, Mu Yuchen felt relieved. He was really worried that Zhou Zimo would not regain consciousness like Ruan Heng.

However, when he talked to Xiaye on the phone a few days ago, Xiaye did say that Ruan Heng might be waking up soon and would sometimes subconsciously move his fingers.

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Mu Yuchen did not think too much. When the doctor left, he walked to Zhou Zimo’s bed.

It had already been quite a few days. Zu Zimo laid there and looked frailer now, and Xu Yayan was very worried to see this.

As he watched Zhou Zimo lay on the bed with his eyes tightly shut, Xu Yayan said softly, "Master Mu, I think our Master Mo must have gotten ahold of some kind of information. Otherwise, he would not have said the things he did before he collapsed."

When Xu Yayan shared that with him, Mu Yuchen looked up at him. "What did he say?"

"He said that he doesn't think he could handle it this time and that we needed you to quickly come over..." Xu Yayan responded softly.

Stunned, Mu Yuchen he did not say anything more afterward.

When Xu Yayan and Li Si saw his reaction, they exchanged a glance and then retreated too.

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Zhou Zimo did not know how long he had been asleep. He felt like he had suffered a century's worth of dark coldness. Just as all of his rationality was about to be swallowed by the darkness, his heart skipped a beat and his rationality was pulled back.

He opened his eyes wearily and everything was blurry. After a while, his eyes returned to clear. He subconsciously looked around and realized that he was in the hospital. Suddenly, all the scenes from before flashed in his mind, so he frowned and was about to prop himself up, yet just as he moved, he felt pain radiating from his left hand.

1When he turned to look, he saw that his left hand was fastened and he felt like something was holding his right hand back as well. Upon looking over, he noticed a white figure standing by the window with his hands behind his back.

Who else could it be if not Mu Yuchen?

“Chen! Why are you here?” Zhou Zimo’s dry and raspy voice was heard.

“You’re awake?” Mu Yuchen quickly snapped back to his senses when he saw that Zhou Zimo had woken up. He felt at ease.

Because Zhou Zimo was still very weak, Mu Yuchen walked over and helped him sit up. He pressed the button by the bedhead to call the doctor over.

“It’s good that you’re awake now.”

Zhou Zimo saw the look of concern on Mu Yuchen’s face, but before he could say anything, Mu Yuchen poured him a cup of water and handed it to him. His lowered voice was very hoarse. “I knew that something happened to you here, so I rushed over. Luckily, you’re fine. Otherwise, I wouldn’t know how to explain it to Elder Zhou and the rest.”

“I got lucky this time. I didn’t think this would happen too,” Zhou Zimo said weakly as he accepted the glass of water that Mu Yuchen handed him and took a sip, “How long have I been sleeping?”

“Many days now. It’s the tenth today. You did wake up once in between. The doctor said you had a concussion and needed rest, so you should be recuperating well. Leave the rest to me.”

Towards the end, Mu Yuchen even coughed lightly. When Zhou Zimo recalled what happened, he felt a shooting headache. It hurt so much that his hand shook and he dropped the cup. He felt like he was going to faint again.

“Zimo!” Mu Yuchen’s expression changed and he quickly held him before he fell. “Okay, don’t think about it anymore. This matter can still be suppressed for now. You should rest well. I won’t let you be jailed. Of course, I’ll also make the person who did this pay for it! I’m afraid that this incident isn’t just targeting you.”

“But, Chen, I suddenly think that maybe you shouldn’t have come, especially if those people weren’t just coming for me alone,” Zhou Zimo protested weakly. He did not seem to have even the energy to speak.

“Since I’m here already, don’t say all this now. You and Su Chen are my buddies for life. There’s no way I would leave you to fend for yourself. Otherwise, why would I go through all the trouble? The Zhou family still doesn’t know about what happened here. If you still hadn’t woken up, I would have a hard time holding things up.”

Mu Yuchen was telling the truth. If Zhou Zimo still had not woken up and the Zhou family asked about him, he would not know how to explain it to them. However, now that he was awake, if he still could not get the evidence to clear Zhou Zimo’s name, Zhou Zimo would definitely be arrested.

When Zhou Zimo heard that, he felt touched. As he was being embraced like that, he could clearly feel the warmth from his friend.

Mu Yuchen helped him lie down, then continued, “Recuperate first. Leave the rest to me. Don’t think too much. When you’ve rested enough, you can tell me what happened.”

As he finished, the doctor entered through the door...

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Today was fated to be a big day.

Mu Lingshi did not forget that it was the day that Gu Qiwu and Doris were going to court for their divorce. She did not pay much attention to it, but she recalled Gu Qiwu sounding quite confident in winning.

Their session began at 9 a.m. The reporters knew about this and were long stationed outside the courthouse early in the morning. They were all like hungry sharks waiting to get firsthand news.

Xi Xiaye did not pay attention to this either. It was only when her assistant, Xiao Mei, came in with the tea that she could not help but mention it. Zhuang Shurong seemed to have mentioned it once too.

Subconsciously, she did not know who she wanted to win either but based on Mu Yuchen’s worries from before, she was hoping that Gu Qiwu and Doris would continue to go against each other because

Detective Zhang had not gotten back with any news. She called Detective Zhang, but his phone was still switched off.

Xi Xiaye obviously knew Detective Zhang's rules. When he was investigating, if he was not free, he did not like others bothering him. Therefore, Xi Xiaye could only quietly and helplessly wait for the news.

Time passed by so quickly. Xi Xiaye had spent the entire morning in her office working through documents. When she was done with them and was about to get up, Xiao Mei suddenly knocked and entered.

"CEO Xi, Miss Mu is here. She's right outside."

Miss Mu?

Who else could it be if not Lingshi?

Xi Xiaye thought about it for a while, and quickly recalled that Gu Qiwu and Doris were in court today, so she hastily asked, "How's it going on Gu Qiwu and Doris's end? The result should be out about now, shouldn't it?"

It was already past noon, so there should be an outcome by now.

Upon hearing that, Xiao Mei smiled and responded, "CEO Xi, I just found out about the outcome. The news is reporting all about it. The court seemed to have overruled Doris's request. They declared the divorce. Mr. Gu only needs to pay Doris a small compensation fee as damage."

"Does that mean that the person who won the divorce was Gu Qiwu?" Xi Xiaye asked, her eyes widened.

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Xiao Mei nodded. "Probably yes. That's what the media says."

Xi Xiaye took in a shallow breath, pondered for a moment, and set aside the document in her hand before slowly leaning back against the chair. Her starry eyes flickered from dark to light, and you could

not tell what was on her mind. After what seemed like a century had passed, she slowly got up. “Let her in and make us two cups of flower tea.”

“Yes, CEO Xi!” Xiao Mei quickly retreated.

“Sis-in-law!”

When Mu Lingshi walked in, her expression was solemn. She must have known about Gu Qiwu and Doris.

“Come sit!”

Xi Xiaye walked over and pointed at the sofa beside her.

Mu Lingshi sat down as Xiao Mei swiftly brought the tea in.

“Are you here about Gu Qiwu? How’s it?” Xi Xiaye handed her a pillow for her to lean against as she asked.

Mu Lingshi nodded. “The verdict for his court case with Doris is out. The court recognized our relationship, and the document he let Doris signed before this was fake.”

“So, he kept a trick up his sleeve for himself?” Xi Xiaye was shocked speechless.

It turned out that their envious-worthy loving marriage had just been built on a foundation of lies!

When she thought about this, Xi Xiaye could not help but shudder!

Based on the fact that Gu Qiwu could do this to Doris, a woman that he claimed to love, she could imagine that he must have never loved Mu Zi!

Everything had been built on the foundation of lies which meant that everything that they had been holding on to and everything that Mu Zi suffered through was a joke! Xi Xiaye could not imagine how she would feel if she ever met someone like him.

Now, she seemed to understand how Mu Zi had fallen into depression years ago and even jumped from a tall building., Could she have been so disheartened that she would much rather die to end it all?

Upon hearing that, Mu Lingshi's face flashed with a bitter smile as she nodded. "Yes, he did save a trick for himself, and now I understand that someone like him will never trust anyone. He'll always be calculative with everyone no matter who it is, myself included. I heard my brother say that years ago, he wanted to go through my brother, and Ah Mo validated it...I believe that he does care about Doris. As he was figuring out how not to ruin their ridiculous relationship, he was trying to hold Doris down. But this time, I think Doris went too far and that's why they had a fallout."

This whole thing just sounded sad.

Mu Lingshi sighed. "This time he's won completely. When Doris knew the verdict, she fainted from being too angry. I think she won't let go of this so easily."

"Are you saying that Doris will appeal?" Xi Xiaye frowned.

Mu Lingshi shook her head. "I don't know either, but I think she doesn't seem like the kind of person who will surrender so easily. Gu Qiwu lied to her for close to 30 years. Do you think she'd be happy and just give up?"

However, when Mu Lingshi said this, a thought came to Xi Xiaye.

If that was the case, Gu Qiwu and Doris's fight would only become worse. That was a good thing for them!

At this point, Xi Xiaye seemed to suddenly understand Mu Yuchen's consideration!

If Gu Qiwu and Doris had a fallout, then the fierce conflict would only expose them even more. If Doris was really behind that incident from years ago, then they would be able to find out more. Had Detective Zhang not been secretly investigating it?

In fact, at this state, Gu Lingsha would not just sit idle and do nothing. If she could not let it go, how could Qi Feng just look on and do nothing?

Besides, if the husband and wife were really to have a fallout, that would mean that Mu Zi had succeeded. After the interlude at Qi Feng and Gu Lingsha's wedding, everyone knew about how Mu Zi had a fatal fate in love.

Who would not know that Elder Madam Mu had passed away from excessive sorrow and regret over this matter?

She had to admit that if this trick was used well, the effect that one would get would be twice the amount of effort put in.

"I heard your brother mention before that Doris isn't a simple character. Ah Shi, you have to be more careful now. No matter what, you are still Gu Qiwu's daughter, and Doris might overthink it."

Mu Lingshi obviously understood what Xi Xiaye was trying to get at.

"Don't worry, Sister-in-law. I understand. Oh, right, how are things on my brother's end? I've called him quite a few times, but he didn't pick up. I'm worried if anything has happened over there. When I brought it up with Father yesterday, he said that Brother left in a rush that day and didn't look too right. Even Ah Mo doesn't know what happened. he feels like there's something odd about this, so I..."

Mu Lingshi was obviously a little worried. She wanted to talk to Mu Yuchen about the issue with Gu Qiwu today.

Before the court was in session today, Gu Qiwu had called her!



At this, Xi Xiaye's expression darkened slightly. She understood Mu Lingshi's concerns very well and was worried too.

She thought about it for a moment, then responded, "Ah Shi, don't worry about it first. I talked to Li Si on the phone last night. He says that your brother's doing fine. He just needs to be there for a while."

"But..."

"There are no buts. Okay, you just take care of yourself. It's lunchtime now. Go have lunch. I'll get them to send you home after."

Xi Xiaye held back the uneasiness she felt because she did not want Mu Lingshi to worry too much about it. "As for Gu Qiwu, no matter what you decide on, your brother and I will support you. A few days ago, I heard some things from Ah Quan. I won't say too much, but I'm just letting you know to never sacrifice your own well-being."

"Sister-in-law..."

Mu Lingshi looked at Xi Xiaye in a daze. She wanted to get close to Gu Qiwu to fight for some things. Perhaps, that way it would be better for her brother.

"Just remember what I said. Why do you think your brother did all of this for?" Xi Xiaye helped her get up as her bright eyes twinkled, filled with a faint light.

This made Mu Lingshi a little speechless. She thought about it, then did not say anything more as she just let Xi Xiaye help her out.

The two of them had just left the office when they met Xiao Mei who walked towards them.

"CEO Xi, First Master Qi from Qi Kai just called. He wants to meet this Friday evening at the Emperor Hotel to discuss the South River Project. He even invited VP Zhang Lan from Glory World. Do you..."

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First Master Qi from Qi Kai?

Qi Feng?

Xi Xiaye's starry eyes shrunk as she could not help but feel suspicious. After a while, she did not say anything either whist Mu Lingshi and Xiao Mei remained silent as they looked at her silently.

Moments after that, Xi Xiaye asked, "What's the situation on VP Zhang Lan's end?"

"I've just informed VP Zhang Lan and she has agreed to the meeting to conclude the first half of the year's progress on the South River Project," Xiao Mei responded.

Then, Xi Xiaye nodded. "Okay, let's agree to the meeting then. Also, can you get Assistant Lan to make time on Friday evening to accompany me for it."

Lan Zilang was very familiar with Fuhua Real Estate. In fact, he was someone who had been in the business world for many years and knew the South River Project like the back of his hand. She wanted to bring him along so that she would not be taken advantage of.

Even Mu Yuchen was vigilant against Qi Feng and reminded her to be careful. She admitted that she was never good at playing tricks, so it was better to bring Lan Zilang along. Otherwise, he could also just replace her in attendance.

"Yes, CEO Xi!" Xiao Mei dared not have doubts, so she quickly agreed.

When she saw Xiao Mei leave, Mu Lingshi asked softly, "Sis-in-law, is it Qi Feng?"

Xi Xiaye nodded and responded, "Yes, him. He's returned to Qi Kai recently and is working with Qi Qiming. I think he's planning on letting Qi Feng take over Qi Kai."

As Xi Xiaye recalled Qi Lei's matters, she could not help feeling sad for him. Now, Qi Lei was finally stable, so he did not need to leave City Z, but she heard that Qi Feng had arranged for Xi Xinyi to work with Qi Lei. She did not know how things were like right now.

"Qi Feng..." Mu Lingshi muttered softly while her eyes contained a mix of emotions.

Her relationship with Gu Lingsha...

In fact, Qi Feng and Mu Yuchen's relationship...

"Don't worry. Your brother knows what he's doing, so don't fret about it. Let's go!"

Xi Xiaye walked ahead first. Mu Lingshi hesitated for a moment, then finally followed after her.

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Inside the Gu family mansion in City Z, Gu Qiwu's stern face revealed a sneer of disdain as he sat down leisurely on the rattan chair in his backyard. With an indifferent expression, he looked at Doris who stood by the staircase with an expression that indicated a storm was to come.

He had just gotten home. After the court made its verdict, he went straight home. He and Doris would be handling divorce procedures very soon. Of course, she only managed to get compensation for psychological damage, and that amount was but a drop in the ocean for him.

Thus, Doris was obviously unhappy about it. She definitely did not expect Gu Qiwu to have another trick up his sleeve.

"I really didn't expect you to trick me like that, Gu Qiwu. We've been married for many years. Who am I to you?" Doris's voice was heard through gritted teeth, and anyone could hear the gloom and suppressed anger in it.

Gu Qiwu took a casual sip of his tea. His expression was cold as he said with a poker face, "Well then, who am I to you? Doris, you're a smart person. Back when you got married to me, I already told you that as long as you do your part well and be a good Madam Gu, I wouldn't treat you badly. All these years, ask yourself when have I ever treated you unfairly?"

"Gu Qiwu, don't cast aside the fact that you cheated on me. Did you treat me well? Do you dare say that you treated me well? What's up with Mu Lingshi, and Mu Lingtian? Explain to me then! You hooked up with Mu Zi behind my back, and you even had a golden house to hide your mistress. Do you think I'm deaf and dumb? Didn't you purchase Xiang She Residence for Mu Zi? No wonder you were so mysterious about just razing the place to the ground. You were worried that I'd find out about something, weren't you?" Doris said as she pointed angrily at him.

At this point, Gu Qiwu did not hide his scorn as he sneered, "Yes, and what about it? Before I married you, Mu Zi and I already had Lingtian. Besides, weren't you hinting about wanting to marry me back then too? I just made your dream come through. You married me for close to 30 years and enjoyed high status and great wealth. Have I ever treated you badly? Isn't Lingsha doing just fine? You should be grateful that Lingsha's my daughter. Otherwise, this wouldn't be the way things end for you!" Gu Qiwu's tone was exceptionally gloomy while his eyes filled with a sinister light.

"You lied to me! Gu Qiwu, you despicable person!" Doris complained coldly.

Gu Qiwu only forced a cold smile. "Doris, you should know how I feel about you. If you didn't do that to me and were a good Madam Gu, I could've let that contract be valid if I wanted it to be. Sadly, you are an insidious woman filled with schemes, so you don't deserve my goodwill. You are great, and you're the only woman I've had my eyes on all these years. That's right, but you were wrong about thinking so highly of yourself!"

His words were like a cold breeze from the Arctic, instantly submerging Doris in a frigid state.

She shuddered, unable to believe such heartless words would come from Gu Qiwu, her former husband who had once expressed how much he had loved her!

Doris admitted that she was a pretty heartless person, but back then when she thought of betraying Gu Qiwu and wanted to ask for a divorce, at least, she had struggled hard with the decision. However, now, what was with Gu Qiwu's attitude?

How terrifying!

What a cold and heartless man!

“Gu Qiwu, you’re a truly despicable and shameless man! Turns out you were lying to me all these years, huh? You just wanted to harp on my power, didn’t you?” Doris asked.

“Why else then? I admit that you are indeed a beautiful, charismatic woman, and there are a lot of benefits that come with marrying you. I obviously wouldn’t reject them, but to truly serve a woman like you isn’t an easy thing to do. You wouldn’t face me unless I presented you with even bigger benefits. You have what it takes for me to be infatuated with you, but sadly, you’re too ambitious!”

Towards the end, Gu Qiwu’s voice suddenly became stern. As he set aside the teacup in his hand harshly, the clear sound it made pierced through the stifling silence.

“You were a woman who slept by my side. Haven’t you always been scheming against me at all times, thinking about how to get the Hui Gu Corporation from me? Doris, you were too greedy and you didn’t know how to be content. You didn’t know how to play your part. Did you really think I’d be so silly to let you plot against me while I did nothing in return?”

Gu Qiwu’s chilly voice contained a hint of disdain. He looked up with those dark eyes and fixed them on her exquisitely beautiful face while it seemed like a hint of regret and sadness were palpable in his eyes.

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Doris was stumped for words. She clenched her fists and glared coldly at Gu Qiwu.

At this moment, Gu Qiwu only took a deep breath and calmed himself down as his eyes returned to tranquillity, silently looking at Doris. He forced a smile and said, “Doris, don’t say I don’t care about you. You should know how many chances I’ve given you all these years, but apart from plotting against me, what else have you done?”

Gu Qiwu’s expression showed sorrow and helplessness. With his hand gently covering the teacup, he paused and then continued, “I abandoned Mu Zi and my own son for you. I don’t deny that it was because of the Hui Gu Corporation then, but did you really think that without you, the Hui Gu

Corporation wouldn't be able to go on? If that was the case, then you might've thought too highly of yourself!"

"Since you admit that it's for the Hui Gu Corporation, is there a need to continue discussing this?" Doris was not a fool either. She came from a prestigious family and had long seen through those tricks. How could she have believed that Gu Qiwu married her solely because he liked her?

Preposterous!

She did not believe it at all!

"You hiding about you and Mu Zi was dishonesty to me. Had I known you were like this back then, do you think I'd have chosen you? Who are you!?"

Doris was filled with regret now.

Years ago, apart from Gu Qiwu, many people had adored her. There were so many more men who were better than him!

Nevertheless, she had chosen to stoop low and fancy a solemn-appearance hypocrite like Gu Qiwu!

"Don't say it so harshly. Haven't you been taking lots of my money too? Doris, don't say that I didn't give you a chance! If you weren't so ambitious, I wouldn't need to constantly be wary against you. Do you think I don't know who are the people you arranged to be in the company? I didn't want us to take this final step, so I tolerated you. I didn't even want to invalidate the contract which is why I wanted to borrow the outside strength to break away from your control. At least, those things were yours too, but now? How have you treated me?"

The more Gu Qiwu spoke, the colder his tone became. In the end, a dangerous light gathered in his eyes.

"I tolerated you too much. That's how you became arrogant, Doris. Only women who know how to appreciate things are valuable. You were wrong for not knowing how to appreciate it while you went about. Instead, you used my feelings for you and did whatever you pleased!"

“Enough, Gu Qiwu!” Doris finally could not help but snarl!

“Don’t make yourself sound like a saint. You are the most disgusting man I’ve ever met! From the moment you did something to the contract, you had no right of saying whether you cared or not. You’ve been wary against me right from the start, so what is this love you’re talking about? You’re a despicable and shameless person! Trash!” Doris could not help but curse.

Gu Qiwu did not look too pleased, but he only smiled coldly and let it be.

“Enough, Doris, let’s just part without hard feelings. Don’t disregard my goodwill. For the sake of our past, I will leave you some dignity. Otherwise, do you think I’d be talking so nicely to you after what you’ve done? I’ve given you a chance, but you didn’t want it yourself. It’s best if women know their place. Don’t try to provoke me, or else, it will only be you who loses out!”

Doris looked even worse as she felt mad and wished she just go up and strangle Gu Qiwu to death.

“You’re both women, but Zixi was much smarter than you. You’re far behind her!”

As matters stood, upon seeing Doris’s conduct, Gu Qiwu finally made a comparison in his heart. He suddenly felt like apart from her looks, she was not too different from Mu Zi. She did not have Mu Zi’s tender consideration and none of Mu Zi’s strength, the lack of all of which annoyed him.

At this point, Gu Qiwu had already lived a long 50 odd years, and the women he truly had were only Mu Zi and Doris. He never felt that his apathetic personality could be controlled by women, but the more one rejected some things, the more fate had a way to make one face it. Gu Qiwu could not escape that fate in the end.

When Gu Qiwu said that, Doris could not help but laugh.

“Zixi? Mu Zi? How can that tactless woman be compared to me? If she were really great, she wouldn’t have made you lose money and you wouldn’t have not cared! She even shamelessly gave birth to not only Lingtian, but Mu Lingshi too! Gu Qiwu, this whole thing sounds like a joke, and this almost killed Mu

Yinan and the rest. If it were not for Mu Yuchen, the shameless witch like her should've gone down history infamously! How could she compare to me?"

Doris had never attached importance to Mu Zi. When Mu Zi met her years ago, she had even called her sister-in-law agreeably. As she recalled that stupid face of hers, Doris felt that she was beneath her!

When Gu Qiwu heard this, his expression darkened. Even though he did not care much for Mu Zi, hearing Doris demean her like that made him feel angry for some reason. He sneered sinisterly, "The elegant Doris went so far as cheating on her husband behind his back? You're already 50 odd years old and still so flirtatiously lowly that you got pregnant. A demoralizing woman like you calling herself dignified? Glorious! I'm sure your parents don't know about the scandals yet, do they? Do I need to call them personally to tell them?"

COMMENT

"Don't you dare!"

"Why wouldn't I?"

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When Gu Lingsha rushed to the Gu family mansion, Gu Qiwu and Doris were in the midst of a huge fight! She went up to helplessly stop them, but Doris pushed her aside.

"Move aside. Don't get involved in things between us!" Doris said in a stern and sharp voice while her blue eyes burned with sparks.

In a voice that was as cold as metal, not having a hint of emotions, Doris warned, "I'm telling you, this thing won't just end like this, Gu Qiwu! You will know the price to pay for plotting against me. When the time comes, I'd like to see how you surrender at my feet!" Even Gu Lingsha, who endured the pain and wanted to go up to stop them, was frightened to a halt by that gaze of hers.

Gu Lingsha had always known the kind of character her mother was.



Doris must have found this outcome very hard to accept, so her hatred was probably not going to fade so easily. She and Gu Qiwu could never go back to the way they were before anymore...

Gu Lingsha could not help but feel depressed...