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Chapter 1201. Qi Feng's Trick (1)

Doris turned around and left on a bitter note.

She did not even look at her daughter in the eye. Gu Lingsha felt heartbroken as she turned around and looked at Gu Qiwu who seemed cold and emotionless.

After giving it some thought, Gu Lingsha decided to chase after Doris.

She was worried about Doris at the moment. After having always been in a superior position all this time, how could she take it after being lied to by Gu Qiwu?

As a woman, Gu Lingsha could understand what her mother was going through.

Doris was getting into her car when she caught up to her. Gu Lingsha quickly got inside as well.

"Mother! Are you alright?" Gu Lingsha asked.

Doris took a deep breath when she noticed Gu Lingsha. She looked out of the window and started speaking in a calmer tone, "Shasha, do you know what your father is like now? Why do you think I never liked talking to him? Do you still think that he truly loves me?"

Gu Lingsha was speechless as she did not know how to answer her.

"Mother, Father is..."

Doris put on a cold smile. "I know your father the best. He's suspicious of everyone and is very good at mind games. I know he's been wary of me since a long time ago. I knew that we'd end up getting a divorce. Do you really think he's been working hard for the both of us? Shasha, even you are just a chess piece on his chessboard! If his relationship with Mu Lingtian had been revealed back then, do you think you'd still be valuable to him?"

Gu Lingsha was afraid. Mu Lingtian had been madly in love with her, but who would have expected them to be siblings!? She feared to face this issue, but she had to accept this right now!

"If Mu Lingtian knew, he would never have behaved that way! Shasha, don't be naive. Qi Feng told me that Mu Lingtian agreed to help the two of you because Qi Feng promised him to help him to take over Glory World in the future. Gu Qiwu had the same idea as well. He wanted to use the Mu family power to

step on me.

"Lingtian? Father and Lingtian...did Lingtian know?"

If Mu Lingtian was still alive, how would he have felt?

"I know your father too well. That's why I can only make early plans. Even if he leaves the rest to Mu Lingshi, I can still fight for what you deserve. With the stock I have, the Hui Gu Corporation is still in our hands. However, the situation has changed now!"

Gu Lingsha did not forget about the miscarried child Doris mentioned. It had been a boy!

Gu Lingsha smiled sorrowfully. "Mother, please don't just talk about Father like that. You used me too, didn't you? If that child were still safe, whatever you fought for wouldn't have been for me, would it?"

She was not a fool. She knew what was happening but just decided to be ignorant.

How pathetic!

Gu Lingsha started pitying herself.

Doris's expression froze suddenly. She turned towards her but then swiftly looked away. "You're my only daughter now, isn't that enough?" She slowly closed her eyes as she took a deep breath.

"I have my regrets. I regret that Mu Yuchen and you didn't get together. We wouldn't have to suffer like this if that happened. You have no idea what I tried to do after what happened between you and Qi Feng." Doris sounded helpless.
"Whatever, maybe I took all of these upon myself. If you want to live an easier life, then you should keep yourself away from our affairs and focus on running Qi Kai with Qi Feng."
"Mother, what are you planning?" Gu Lingsha was worried.
Doris smiled as her eyes turned cold. "Gu Qiwu really overdid it. I'm not just going to let this go."
"Mother, you know how he is. Didn't I tell you to calm down?"
"I don't need you to meddle in my business. Get out of the car. Get out right now!" Doris's tone was firm.
Gu Lingsha's words could not move her anymore, so she got out of the car, and the car soon sped off
The news of Gu Qiwu and Doris was known throughout City Z. All entertainment-related media were reporting about them, but they were nowhere to be seen. It caused quite a scene in City B as well.
The storm raged over for several days, and there was no sign of it stopping anytime soon.
In the Vice President's room in Qi Kai Corporation.
"Master Qi, Manager Xi is outside and she says she has something to tell you!" Yang Sheng came inside the room as Qi Lei was reading through documents.
Manager Xi?
Xi Xinyi?

Qi Lei was surprised as he almost forgot about her existence! She was the "spy" Qi Feng had sent to him! He was really impressed by Mu Yuchen's future-oriented vision. Who would have expected Xi Xinyi to be Mu Yuchen's spy instead? 1He was really bold. How could he be sure that Xi Xinyi would not betray him? Qi Lei smirked as he put the documents down. "Tell her to come in." "Yes, Master Qi!" Yang Sheng nodded and went back out. Moments later, Xi Xinyi knocked on the door and entered. Chapter 1202. Qi Feng's Trick (2) Xi Xinyi wore a full black business suit which was very different from her previous style of dressing. Surprised, Qi Lei signaled Xi Xinyi and then said, "Have a seat." Xi Xinyi nodded. "Thank you, Vice President Qi." She sat down on the chair and handed him a document. "Please go through this and sign your name at the bottom if there's no issue," she said. Qi Lei squinted at her and straightened his back before taking a glance at the document. He then smiled. "You didn't have to personally deliver this, did you?"

Xi Xinyi returned the smile. "Naturally, that's not my primary purpose."

She closed her eyes like she was in deep thought while Qi Lei remained silent and just watched her quietly, waiting for her to continue the conversation. Xi Xinyi took a deep breath and looked into his eyes as she asked, "Has Chairman Mu been out of City Z lately?" Chairman Mu? Mu Yuchen? Qi Lei raised his eyebrows as he stared right at Xi Xinyi without answering her. Xi Xinyi had given Li Si a call, but it did not get through. She had something she needed to tell them. "You don't have to look at me like that. I know about your relationship with Mu Yuchen." Xi Xinyi noticed that Qi Lei was wary of her, hence her explanation. It was not as if Qi Lei could not trust Xi Xinyi, but he was not particularly fond of her after knowing what she had done to Xi Xiaye before. If Mu Yuchen had not told him, he would have given her a hard time in Qi Kai. However, Mu Yuchen seemed to be very pleased with her performance. Qi Lei looked at Xi Xinyi wryly. "He's not in City Z, but he might be back tonight or tomorrow." He was not sure what Xi Xinyi would do. Xi Xinyi put on a bitter smile when Qi Lei was careful with his words around her. "Don't worry, Vice President Qi. I'm sure Chairman Mu has told you something about me," she said in a firm tone.

"Oh?" Qi Lei put on his usual wicked smile. "I did have several meals at his place, but I don't remember him telling me anything." "No worries, I understand. You wouldn't have helped me during meetings several times otherwise." Qi Lei put the documents down. "You're overthinking. You're a talented and great worker." Xi Xinyi smiled and slowly got up. "I don't mean anything. If that's the case...Qi Feng is planning to invite CEO Xi from Fuhua, Vice President Zhang from Glory World, and several contractors related to the South River project for dinner at the Emperor Hotel this Friday night. I overheard him asking Manager Gu to call some reporters over as well. I don't know what are they going to do. I just feel like it's not a simple dinner. That's all that I have to say." She looked at him deep in the eyes before leaving. 1Qi Lei was stunned and his mind went numb for a moment. Qi Feng had invited Xi Xiaye for dinner and asked some reporters to go over? What was he thinking? 1Qi Feng had always been cruel and fierce with his methods. Without Mu Yuchen around now, he had no idea what Qi Feng had in mind. Qi Lei started to feel uneasy... As he was deep in thought, Yang Sheng came into the room. "Master Qi, has Manager Xi left?" Yang Sheng called out to him as he noticed a grim expression on Qi Lei's face. Qi Lei came back to his senses. Instead of looking at Yang Sheng, he glanced through the document and quickly signed his name at the bottom before handing it to Yang Sheng. "Give it to her."

Startled, Yang Sheng slowly took the document and asked, "Master, is something wrong?"
"It's nothing. Leave me alone for now."
Since Qi Lei did not answer his question, Yang Sheng left the room quietly.
Qi Lei took a deep breath and leaned against the back of his chair after Yang Sheng went out. His phone suddenly started ringing at this second, so he quickly picked it up.
"It's me. Come over to my office right now."
It was Qi Qiming. Qi Lei did not even need to guess what they were going to talk about! It must be about Gu Qiwu and Doris again.
Their divorce was almost certain, but the storm they had created was still raging outside.
While Gu Qiwu had the upper hand, he was in a stalemate with Doris. Qi Lei was almost impressed.
However, Doris was pretty close to Qi Feng lately. She probably was not satisfied after having been lied to after being married for so many years!
Friday night came by quickly.
In the CEO's office in Fuhua Property, Xi Xiaye was still reading through documents when Lan Zilang entered the room.
"Ahem—" Lan Zilang coughed several times to get Xi Xiaye's attention. She quickly put her documents down and smiled when she saw him. "Uncle Lan."

"Working hours have already ended, yet you're still working?" He smiled.

Xi Xiaye took a glance at the time. It was already 7:30 p.m. She put the document away. "I forgot about the time. The Emperor Hotel..."

"Xiaye, I'm afraid you can't run away from this one. Qi Feng sent his assistant Morrison to pick you up."

"He sent someone?" Xi Xiaye mumbled, "This feels really fishy. There must be something more to it."

"It's always good to be careful. Vice President Zhang Lan from Glory World has already gone over, and Gu Lingsha will be attending it with Qi Feng too. I'm sure it's not just a simple dinner."

Chapter 1203. Qi Feng's Trick (3)

Xi Xiaye went to the Emperor Hotel with Lan Zilang. She also had four bodyguards with her.

There were several guards outside the door when they arrived at the designated room.

Morrison knocked on the door. Then, he turned towards Xi Xiaye after hearing a reply from inside. "CEO Xi, Mr. Lan, welcome."

Xi Xiaye and Lan Zilang traded glances at each other and nodded before heading inside.

"CEO Xi!" Zhang Lan was the first to greet her.

Xi Xiaye nodded to her, and Qi Feng smiled at her as well.

"Long time no see, Ms. Xi!"

Xi Xiaye glanced at him for a moment and quickly went past him. "CEO Qi of Qi Kai isn't very fond of talking business over a dining table. You sure are different from him."

Qi Feng just smiled, but Gu Lingsha's expression changed after hearing those words from Xi Xiaye. However, Qi Feng glared at her as she was about to retort something.

"I took over some of Qi Feng's tasks, so it'd only make sense if I built a good relationship with my collaborators, wouldn't it?" Qi Lei was welcoming.

1Gu Lingsha was on alert this whole time as she stared at Xi Xiaye. She was looking back and forth between Qi Feng and Xi Xiaye, trying to figure out something from their conversation.

1Xi Xiaye sat down while Lan Zilang sat in between her and Zhang Lan.

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At the same time, on the road to the busy city, Su Chen was driving his car with Secretary He in the front passenger seat.

As the car passed by a busy junction, Su Chen's phone started ringing. He took a glance at the screen and quickly picked up the call.

"Ah Chen?" Su Chen's voice went through the call.

"I know you just got back today. Zimo and I are having some trouble in New York at the moment, and it'll take some time before we can get back. Qi Feng has invited Xiaye for dinner tonight. Please go and take a look." Mu Yuchen's voice reached his ears.

1Su Chen frowned. "What did you say? Zimo and you are both in New York? What happened? You don't sound right!"

"Chief Su, I just had a talk with Xu Yayan. It seems like there's something wrong with Master Mo's company and he's been injured as well. There's also a high chance that he might get jailed," Secretary He told him quietly while Su Chen was on the phone.

Su Chen frowned again as he looked over at Secretary He. He parked his car by the roadside.

Mu Yuchen spoke again after a while, "It's fine. Zimo is only slightly injured and he's already regained consciousness though his family still has no idea what happened, so don't let them know. I'll do my best to solve the problem here."

Mu Yuchen and Zhou Zimo did not want Su Chen to get involved, or else, he would have known about their plan already.

"Solve the problem? Nonsense! What exactly happened? I need you to tell me now. Where's Zimo? Did that b*stard get into trouble again? Ah Chen, both of you are acting very foolish right now. Have you forgotten how military school taught us that greater strength can be achieved by being united? Two brains are better than one..." Su Chen instantly scolded Mu Yuchen and Zhou Zimo. Now that he thought about it, Zhou Zimo's suspicious behavior and avoidant speech made sense now.

"Please look after Xiaye for me. Room 108 of the Emperor Hotel. I'll tell you about the rest after this. I need to go out right now. Talk to you soon." Mu Yuchen hung up on the call right after that.

Su Chen's frown never faded away. He tried to call back again, but it did not connect.

"B*stard! Is my function to look after your woman now?" Su Chen sounded angry.

1"Chief Su..." Secretary He called out to him quietly.

Su Chen started the engine and drove towards the opposite side of the road while dialing Ji Zitong's number at the same time.

Ji Zitong was preparing dinner at home when she received Su Chen's call.

"Hello? Where are you now?" Ji Zitong was mixing some sauce inside the kitchen.

"I might be home late. You should have dinner without me first." "Didn't you promise to come back for dinner? I made a lot of dishes." "Keep it for now then. I'll explain to you tonight." Su Chen did not want to explain too much right now, so he hung up after a short conversation. He sped up and headed towards the Emperor Hotel. "Chief Su, the thing between Gu Qiwu and Doris has been getting more and more attention lately. Qi Feng's sudden invitation must have some other intentions. Second Master Qi, Qi Lei, initially handled the South River project was initially handled. Both Qi Lei and Qi Feng aren't exactly friends..." "I never liked Qi Feng anyway. I wouldn't give him an easy time even if Ah Chen told me not to. It's time for him to taste some payback!" Su Chen was pretty emotional as he hated Qi Feng ever since Lingtian's incident! If he noticed something wrong this time, he would surely deal with him! "Chief Su, Qi Feng seems to be close to several government personnel...We might be able to track him." "There are already people keeping an eye on him." Su Chen sped up the car quietly.

Mu Yuchen suspected there might be hidden details behind the accident and Mu Tangchuan was involved in the follow-up as well. Su Chen had a hunch that the results might be surprising...

Chapter 1204. Qi Feng's Trick (4)

It was already 9 p.m. when Su Chen arrived at the Emperor Hotel.

The Emperor Entertainment Club was under the Emperor Hotel operations as well, similar to Glory World's Imperial Sky Entertainment City, one of the high-end entertainment spots. With it being the weekend tomorrow, it was very lively that night.

They finally found a parking slot in the plaza after a while, so Su Chen quickly parked his car.
Secretary He tagged along too.
"It's been a while since I came here. How lively."
The higher-ups were really strict, and official officers like them rarely approached places like this though Su Chen often visited Imperial Sky Entertainment City.
"Did you come here often before?" Su Chen squinted his eyes at Secretary He.
Secretary He was startled for a moment. "I know the manager here. He got into some trouble before and asked me for help."
Su Chen threw him a sharp glance. "Be alert for what we're about to do."
Secretary He was a quick-witted man, so he replied, "Don't worry, Chief Su, I understand!"
Su Chen nodded and took out a cigarette to started smoking while Secretary He got out of the car.
In the room that Qi Feng reserved, Xi Xiaye took a look at the document Qi Feng gave her. "Master Qi, we should let Vice President Qi discuss these details with us. He's the professional after all."
"Aren't you being rude now, CEO Xi? Qi Lei isn't the main person-in-charge of this project anymore. If you're not being cooperative, it'll be difficult for us to maintain this collaboration," Gu Lingsha refuted as she noticed the defensive tone in Xi Xiaye's voice.

Xi Xiaye smiled. "Difficult? Just like the proposals you showed me the last time, Ms. Gu? I only care about efficacy, and that's what Glory World cares about as well. Vice President Zhang Lan, what do you think?"

"I have the same opinion as CEO Xi. We've discussed this before. If Qi Kai wants to pass this project over to someone else, you should be liaising with the previous person-in-charge instead."

"Don't speak as if you're all clean and pure. You've..."

"We'll put this on hold for now. Since we're continuing our collaboration, of course, we need time to understand each other."

Qi Feng calmly interrupted Gu Lingsha. He did not seem pleased with her reaction, so she quickly kept her mouth shut, but she shot Xi Xiaye a cold stare.

Qi Feng smiled and tried to make some small talk with Zhang Lan.

After that, they started talking about the South River project. Qi Feng made sure he thoroughly understood what the project was about, and had a lot of detailed observations regarding the project's shortcomings.

Xi Xiaye was surprised by his insights. Zhang Lan and Lan Zilang participated in the discussion actively, and things soon calmed down. Xi Xiaye just there quietly and only spoke up once or twice while Gu Lingsha only kept silent the whole time as she looked back and forth Xi Xiaye and Qi Feng.

After some time, someone knocked on the door and Morrison entered. Qi Feng and he traded glances at each other quickly, but Xi Xiaye noticed it.

She already figured that it was not a simple dinner, so she lowered her head and smiled.

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Gu Lingsha was dumbfounded by Qi Feng's arrangements, but from what he told her the other day, she could sense that he was going to do something. Gu Lingsha really hated Xi Xiaye. She had no good impression of her at all. If stares could kill, Xi Xiaye had probably died over a dozen times that night. Xi Xiaye was not sure how it happened. Perhaps she just drank a tad too much, so she said that she was feeling uncomfortable and needed to go to the washroom. Gu Lingsha got up and said she needed to go as well. The two of them left the room one after another. Qi Feng gave Morrison a glance after Xi Xiaye left the room. In response, Morrison nodded and went outside too. The corridor outside was dark. Xi Xiaye felt refreshed as she felt the breeze. However, her steps were a little shaky. Gu Lingsha kept a close distance behind her. Suddenly, she let out a cold laugh and started rushing towards Xi Xiaye followed by a loud scream. 1Suddenly, a big crowd rushed into the corridor! Before Xi Xiaye could react, there were a lot of flashlights around. She turned around when she heard Gu Lingsha screaming and saw the latter charging towards her. Xi Xiaye was dumbfounded by her mad expression and avoided her onslaught.

"What happened?"

Was she crazy?

"Isn't that the Missus from the Qi family and Mrs. Mu?"

"It's them!"
"What happened? Is she mad?"
The reporters were already blocking the way when Morrison went out. Something must have happened as a smirk appeared on his face. He smiled and gave a signal to the guard beside him. The man nodded as everyone in the corridor heard him say in a loud voice, "Doesn't she look like she's overdosed on drugs?"
"Some kind of symptoms?"
"Is Gu Lingsha mad?"
"Gu Lingsha is doing drugs?"
"Withdrawal symptoms?"
"Most likely! No wonder she's been looking exhausted lately!"
Morrison was shocked after hearing those comments, so he quickly rushed into the crowd along with the bodyguards
Chapter 1205. One Level Higher (1)
What happened next shocked Morrison to his core!
Gu Lingsha pulled her hair like a madwoman. She was taking short, quick breaths as her whole body trembled, and at times, she screamed for no reason. Her hair was a mess right now and her eyes had lost their shine
3It seemed like she was hallucinating.



"Make way!"
Six police officers came over and separated Gu Lingsha from everyone else.
"Captain, I found this in her bag!"
The police acted quickly. One of them soon found a packet of white powder in Gu Lingsha's handbag and handed it to his colleague.
The middle-aged policeman gave it a slight taste before spitting it out moments later. He glanced at Gu Lingsha coldly and said, "Someone, take her away!"
"Yes, captain!" two officers replied.
"Wait! We still don't know what happened. You guys can't just take her away!"
Morrison freaked out when the two policemen grabbed Gu Lingsha.
"Officers, she's not in a state to follow you back at the moment." Even Qi Feng was not sure what to do at this moment, but he could not care less about the reporters taking photos of him. "There must be some kind of misunderstanding!"
Qi Feng clenched his fists. Cold energy gathered in his eyes as he glanced at Gu Lingsha who seemed to have lost her mind right now. He then averted his gaze at Xi Xiaye who had been silent this whole time.
"Don't worry, Master Qi. It'll be great if it's nothing. We'll be giving her a thorough check-up. Take her away!"
The police were being really strict. Although they knew who Qi Feng was, they did not care about his

social standing at all. Gu Lingsha was instantly brought away.



Suddenly, only Qi Feng, Morrison, and several bodyguards were left in the corridor.

"Master..." Morrison called out to Qi Feng quietly after Xi Xiaye's posse left.

Qi Feng's expression was like the moment before a thunderstorm and his tone of voice was chilly. "You'd better have a good explanation for what happened. Why did Shasha become like that and Xi Xiaye is fine instead? Drugs? Morrison, your performance is getting worse!"

"There must be some misunderstanding! Xi Xiaye must have been affected. She had some reaction just now!"

"Reaction? Then, tell me, what happened? You promised me this plan would be perfect!" Qi Feng threw Morrison a deathly cold stare.

"Master, I..."

Morrison was shocked by the unexpected turn of events. He had no idea what to say.

He had given the orders to spike Xi Xiaye's drink. It was nothing serious, just something that would make her embarrass herself, so they did not expect much out of it. Lan Zilang and Zhang Lan were present after all...

Chapter 1206. One Level Higher (2)

They just wanted to make Xi Xiaye embarrass herself and show her ugly side to the media to teach her a lesson. It was also meant to give Mu Yuchen a lesson, as well as for Gu Lingsha to stop suspecting Qi Feng and Xi Xiaye.

However, what happened that day was totally out of their expectations.

"Something must've happened." Morrison took a deep breath. "Could Mu Yuchen have done something?"



Secretary He!
Su Chen's secretary!
Why was he here?
Secretary He grinned when he noticed Xi Xiaye's doubtful glance.
"Secretary He?" Xi Xiaye called out to him.
Secretary He nodded. "I'm honored that you still remember me. Are you free at the moment? Chief Su is just nearby"
Su Chen was nearby?
Xi Xiaye was a little astonished. When she realized that something was up, she nodded and turned back to Zhang Lan and Lan Zilang. "Vice President Zhang, Uncle Lan, you two should head back for now. I hope we all can be careful to deal with the aftermath of what happened tonight. Besides that, thank you for looking after Glory World at the moment."
"What are you talking about, CEO Xi? It's my job."
"Then, we'll head back now."
"Okay, goodbye!"
"Goodbye!"

Su Chen was sitting on a long bench by the plaza ahead, smoking when Xi Xiaye walked over.

He raised his head when he heard the sound of footsteps. Then, he extinguished his cigarette when he saw Xi Xiaye coming near.

"Chief Su, why are you here this late at night?" Xi Xiaye was surprised to see Su Chen here as she greeted him.

He looked like he had just come back from somewhere far. Mu Yuchen had mentioned some time ago that he was enrolled in a school of some sort.

Su Chen smiled. "You can just call me Su Chen. Are you alright?"

Xi Xiaye then replied, "I'm fine, but...what happened just now?"

He took a deep breath. "A certain someone was very worried about you even when he's abroad. He knew that you'd be attending this dinner tonight and told me to come and help out if anything went wrong. I'm glad that you're fine. He's missing you wherever he goes. I just called the police, but I'm not sure about the others though.'

Su Chen was telling the truth. Initially, he just wanted Secretary He to find out what happened before deciding their next step, but just as Secretary He was about to talk to the manager, Su Chen received Mu Yuchen's text telling him to get several trusted officers to head over.

1Su Chen complied right away.

He was not sure what exactly happened, and only found out from Secretary He's observation that Gu Lingsha was showing some sort of drug withdrawal symptoms and was arrested after that!

It mirrored what had happened to Zhou Zimo there. Su Chen hated to admit it, but he was impressed.

1"You don't know?" Xi Xiaye was stunned as she gave Su Chen an odd look.

Su Chen adjusted his sleeves. "Mmm, I really have no idea. You might know more if you ask Ah Chen. By the way, do tell me if you know anything about what's happening in New York."

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At the same time, in an exquisite hotel room in New York, Mu Yuchen was sitting on a rattan chair, looking through some documents Ah Bo gave him.

The breeze was pretty cold in the morning, and he only had a coat over his shoulders. As he was focused on the documents, his phone started ringing all of a sudden.

He answered the call and a voice quickly came through. "Master, the plan is a success. Gu Lingsha was brought away by the police, and Qi Feng followed them as well. I suppose this is enough to keep them busy for a while."

It was Ah Pao's voice.

1"How is she?" Mu Yuchen asked coldly.

"Missus is fine. She was vigilant," Ah Pao replied.

Mu Yuchen was slightly relieved. "Alright, keep an eye on them, especially Qi Feng."

Mu Yuchen hung up, looking exhausted but generally much calmer than before. Although he knew she would be vigilant, he was still worried, hence he had used such a trick.

Mu Yuchen, how cunning can you be?

Chapter 1207. I Missed You (1)

He hesitated for some time before leaving his phone on the table. Then, he leaned back and closed his eyes in exhaustion.

After some time, Li Si called out to him, "Master..."

Mu Yuchen opened his eyes once again as his usual composure returned.

Li Si came over with a glass of water and some medicine.

"Master, take these pills first. You still haven't recovered. We have someone to look after Master Mo right now, so there's nothing to worry about." Li Si gave him the medicine.

Mu Yuchen obediently took the pills, coughing slightly before saying, "Have a seat."

Li Si somehow guessed what happened. He had overheard his conversation with Ah Pao when he came in just now. It must be because of the Missus. He sat down beside Mu Yuchen.

"Master, are you alright? You can rest easy now knowing that Missus is fine. She has her guard up against Qi Feng anyway, so there's nothing to worry about," Li Si said carefully.

Mu Yuchen pinched the space between his eyebrows. "Do you think that I'm despicable?"

"Master..." Li Si was not sure what to say.

"I hate how I did it, but that's the only way to keep them busy for the moment," Mu Yuchen said.

"Master, you're just letting them have a taste of their own medicine. We'd be the ones suffering if you hadn't done so. There's nothing wrong with your methods. Please don't overthink."

1"How are things at Xiao Rui's school?" Mu Yuchen did not continue the conversation. Instead, he asked something completely different.

"I've found that Qi Weier has indeed transferred over to Master Xiao Rui's school, but they are in different classes. From what I know, Qi Feng transferred her over to this school because she didn't want to attend the previous one she enrolled in. Should we find Master Xiao Rui another school?" Li Si asked.

Mu Yuchen frowned. "There's no need. Changing the environment could be detrimental. We've got to trust him."

"Master, Young Master's grades are great. When I went to pick him up from school, he told me that the teachers always compliment him. I'm sure he'll grow up to be a top scorer like you too." Li Si smiled when he thought about Mu Zirui.

Mu Yuchen put on a proud smile as well, but his tone was calm as he said, "Xiao Rui is a hardworking kid. I just hope that he can grow up with joy. Children don't have to work so hard. Outstanding people usually have to be burdened with more responsibilities. I want the same thing for the two of my children and their mother: a simple, happy life."

1Mu Yuchen coughed again.

"Master, please take a break. You just took the medicine. It's going to be the Mid-Autumn Festival soon, but I'm afraid we won't be back in time. Fortunately, Master Mo has already woken up, or else, it'd be really worrisome." Li Si was concerned.

"Get the lawyers Charlie and Henry over here. Tell them to meet here at 3 p.m."

Mu Yuchen got up and grabbed his phone as he walked into the room.

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After Xi Xiaye and Su Chen parted ways, she went back to Maple Residence right away.

Her children were already asleep, but she was surprised to find that Zhuang Shurong was staying over at Maple Residence that night. Zhuang Shurong was watching television in the living room when Xi Xiaye

returned, and they had a short chat before Xi Xiaye went upstairs to wash up. Zhuang Shurong then prepared some supper for her.

"Mother, you don't have to come over here if you're busy. Father and you should take a break whenever there's a chance. With Sis Wang and Aunt Fang taking care of Xiao Cheng and Xiao Rui, there's no problem at all."

Xi Xiaye finished the sliced chicken porridge Zhuang Shurong prepared for her.

"It's fine. Your father and I are still going strong. We're just worried that you might be exhausted without Ah Chen around. The two of you have been burdened with a lot ever since your grandmother passed away, so your father and I decided to transfer the elder butler here. We don't need that many servants at the main residence and you definitely need some help here," Zhuang Shurong said.

Xi Xiaye did not argue and agreed right away, "Mmm, I'll listen to you."

"Your father is going to be busy, so I'll be staying over whenever I'm free. I hope you don't mind."

Zhuang Shurong smiled. She knew she usually came across as strict and stern, but she was really happy that Xi Xiaye was her daughter-in-law as she was a very considerate and kind girl. She also knew how to carry out her filial duties and her son respected her although he was not very close to her as her son.

Xi Xiaye had done a lot of things for the family using Mu Yuchen's name with the intention of getting them closer, hence Zhuang Shurong cherished her heartwarming behavior.

Xi Xiaye smiled. "Of course, I don't mind..."

"Great, and now it's time for you to sleep."

"Mmm, you should rest early too, Mother. Goodnight!"

"Goodnight!"

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As Xi Xiaye lay down in bed, what happened today crossed her mind, including what Su Chen told her. After arranging the information together, she somewhat reached a conclusion. She took a glance at her phone, but there was nothing.

It had been several days since Mu Yuchen called her. He only texted her once in a while, so she thought he was busy, but she was beginning to feel uncomfortable.

She could not get used to his absence...

1She then grabbed her phone and gave him a call.

Mu Yuchen was in deep sleep when his phone rang. He reached out to his phone after a while and picked up the call while he was still half asleep.

Chapter 1208. I Missed You (2)

"Xiaye?" he called out her name and coughed several times as he sat up in the bed.

"What's wrong? Are you feeling unwell?" Xi Xiaye instantly realized that something was wrong with his voice as he sounded like he had a cold. The man was usually pretty susceptible to getting sick.

Mu Yuchen coughed several times again before he replied, "I'm okay. It's just a little cold. I've almost recovered."

"Your body is getting frail. I told you to take care of yourself." Xi Xiaye frowned.

"It's my fault. I'm sorry!" the man quickly admitted his mistake. He paused before asking, "How're our sons?"

"They are doing great. Xiao Rui keeps asking when you'll be back while Xiao Cheng always looks around at night, probably waiting for you. He's starting to recognize faces now. The Mid-Autumn Festival is coming soon, and so is the National Day"
"Bring the children out and have fun during the holidays."
"But" Xi Xiaye wanted to say something else, but she was reminded about what happened that night. "Mr. Mu, about Gu Lingsha and Qi FengSu Chen told me that"
"It's all good as long as you're fine. You shouldn't have to worry so much" the man interrupted Xi Xiaye's sentence halfway. He did not want her to know what methods he used.
"You" Xi Xiaye spoke quietly.
"I mean, let the past stay in the past. Just leave them be if it doesn't concern you. Don't always keep it in your heart. Surely Qi Feng has many ways to make it hard for you to decline his invitation, but you have to be vigilant at all times. You might have fallen into his trap if Qi Lei hadn't informed me."
"Am I really that stupid from your perspective?" Xi Xiaye frowned unhappily.
"Honestly, yes," he replied.
"Then, why did you marry me?"
"Becauseyou're pretty" a certain someone said something extremely embarrassing with a straight face.
1Xi Xiaye chuckled, but then she figured out it did not sound right. She was not sure if she should be angry that he was looking down on her, or to be happy that he complimented her looks.
1"I married you because I think you're good-looking too"

"You finally speak the truth! Alright, you should head to bed soon. It's a weekend tomorrow. Rest well."
"You take care too. Don't overexert yourself."
"I'll be sure to follow your instructions. Goodnight."
"Goodnight, Mr. Mu"
In contrast to Xi Xiaye's peaceful night, Gu Lingsha was having a hard time falling asleep.
She realized that she was at the police station when she regained consciousness. The police were interrogating her like she was some criminal. Only then did she find out what happened.
"I don't know anything! These aren't mine! I'm being framed! Do you hear me? I suggest you let me go right away or you won't be able to bear the consequences!" Gu Lingsha glared at the officers as she had a cold expression on her face.
"Ms. Gu, I suggest you be cooperative with us. We found these in your bag, and this is your blood test, so what else do you have to say?"
"I didn't take drugs! Believe it or not, these aren't mine! I want to leave right now. Let me go!" Gu Lingsha stood up angrily as she spoke.
"I'm afraid we can't let you go with these as evidence." The police officer was being really strict.
Gu Lingsha was extremely angry, and had no idea what happened!
Who had planned all this to frame her? She could sense that Qi Feng wanted to prove something to her, but why was she being framed right now? Should it not be Xi Xiaye?



Xi Xiaye was Mu Yuchen's woman, and she knew very well how much Qi Feng hated Mu Yuchen. He was biased towards Xi Xiaye!

Gu Lingsha also thought that Xi Xiaye's calm manner during dinner was odd. It was as if she was not worried at all which she should have been very cautious about.

Why was Qi Feng not here yet?

As Gu Lingsha was deep in her thoughts, she felt afraid and anxious. She took several deep breaths as her whole body shuddered...

Chapter 1209. I Missed You (3)

Gu Lingsha had no idea how much Qi Feng had to do in order to deal with the reporters, but no matter how much he tried, the information still leaked somehow.

Mrs. Qi was arrested due to suspected drug use!

The news spread like wildfire over the Internet. There were also photos with the caption "Gu Lingsha displaying withdrawal symptoms". The divorce between Gu Qiwu and Doris also caused a huge storm, and with this incident, Qi Kai Corporation and the Hui Gu Corporation's shares took a sharp dive!

Qi Qiming and Qi Feng quickly held a meeting to find a solution.

However, they could not do anything. The shareholders blamed each other in the meetings throughout the last week. Some were sarcastic and subtly hinted that Gu Lingsha had dragged everyone down!

Qi Qiming and Qi Feng were embarrassed at first, but they got used to it soon after. Furthermore, Qi Lei stopped coming to work ever since the incident.

In the extravagant office.

"Manager Xi, where's Vice President Xi? Is he not in again?" Qi Qiming looked at the empty seat beside Xi Xinyi as he asked coldly.
Qi Lei had been giving all kinds of different reasons to be absent since Monday! He was nowhere to be seen in the past week.
Qi Feng glanced over at Qi Lei's seat when he heard Qi Qiming's question. It was empty just like a few days before! His eyes darkened.
"Vice President Qi called this morning and saidhe had diarrhea last night because he ate too much watermelon. He's applied for leave from the HR Department!" Xi Xinyi replied calmly.
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Qi Qiming's expression turned worse. "Diarrhea? Didn't he say he had a stomachache just two days ago?"
"The last time he said he needed to visit the doctor to check on his hemorrhoids"
"Hemorrhoids? Didn't he catch a cold?"
"It's not a cold. I heard he hurt his waist!"
"Really? I thought he was having a migraine."

Suddenly, everyone in the room was discussing it.
Qi Qiming's expression became dark like thunderclouds! His relationship with Qi Lei had come to a standstill again. He wanted to stay at home to rest for some time, yet this unexpected incident happened, so he had to force himself to go to work.

Qi Lei did not want to show up at all no matter how chaotic the world had become. He was sending Qi Qiming and Qi Feng a clear message—he did not care about Qi Kai's survival!

Just when Qi Qiming was about to lose his temper, he remembered how long it had taken for their relationship to improve to this point, so he suppressed his anger!

Qi Lei managed to escape from this, but Qi Feng was not as fortunate. Gu Lingsha was his woman after all. Therefore, Qi Qiming unleashed his fury on Qi Feng!

Qi Qiming called Qi Feng to his office after the meeting and started lecturing him, "Idiot! Qi Kai is going to be ruined in the hands of you two! What exactly happened? What's with the drugs?! Give me an explanation!"

He slammed the documents onto his table! Even the cup on the table jumped a little.

"Father, it's still under investigation. No matter what, I believe Shasha is innocent. She wouldn't do something like that," Qi Feng clenched his fists as he explained.

"She wouldn't? Why don't you tell the police that and see if they'd believe you? Why did you invite Xi Xiaye's bunch? Why would there be reporters there? And what's with the police? Have you found out?"

Qi Qiming could not hold his anger in anymore. "I've told you that Qi Kai is unlike before. What happened before really took a huge toll on us! Do you really want people to find out Qi Kai's initial background? Do you know how much time and effort your grandfather and I took to clean it up? If the police start investigating Qi Kai, we'll be done for! You idiot!" Qi Qiming yelled at him.

Qi Feng's expression darkened, but he did not refute. "Father, there's no point blaming anyone right now. Our top priority is to salvage Qi Kai's shares! Moreover, the Hui Gu Corporation isn't doing well at the moment too, so I guess we can't expect help from them. Shasha's incident isn't as simple as it looks. I'm sure we'll be able to prove her innocence once we find out the truth."

Qi Feng's eyes seemed quiet as he was hiding his emotions.



A flight to New York?
Xi Xiaye's words stunned Xiao Mei who stared at her dumbfounded.
"CEO Xiare you going on a trip?" Xiao Mei asked.
Xi Xiaye frowned and lowered her head. She did not reply and just looked at the documents before her.
Xiao Mei did not force her to answer as she seemed unwilling. "Do you want a flight for tomorrow or the day after?"
"Check if there's a flight for tonight. Also, tell Uncle Lan to come to see me."
"Tonight!?" Xiao Mei was stunned once again.
Was it that urgent?
However, she just nodded without asking any questions before leaving the office.

Xi Xiaye went to pick Mu Zirui up soon after. She sent him over to the Shen residence before returning to Maple Residence. She thought that leaving him there would be better since Shen Wenna and Xi

Xiao Mei quickly booked the flight. It was scheduled at 8 p.m. that night.

Mushan would be free to take care of him during the holidays.

She met Zhuang Shurong back in Maple Residence. She thought about bringing Mu Xiaocheng along on her trip to New York, but Zhuang Shurong stopped her. "You should just go alone. How are you going to have fun with this little guy around? Your father is on holiday. He planned to spend some time with your grandfather, and Lingshi isn't going anywhere as well, so just leave Xiao Cheng at home. We'll look after him."

"But aren't you going to go somewhere with Father?" Xi Xiaye was hesitant.

Zhuang Shurong smiled. "Where to? It'll be crowded everywhere during the holiday season, so we might as well stay at home and get some rest. It's been a tough period of time for the two of you. Ask Ah Chen to bring you around and have some fun. Leave the kids with us."

"Mother..." Xi Xiaye called out to her.

"Go and pack up. There's no need to bring clothes. Tell him to prepare them for you over there. Xiao Cheng is asleep now. Let me go make you some dinner before you go. It's going to be a long flight!" Zhuang Shurong put her documents down and removed her glasses.

"Mother, let me do it." Xi Xiaye was a little embarrassed.

However, Zhuang Shurong already headed inside the kitchen.

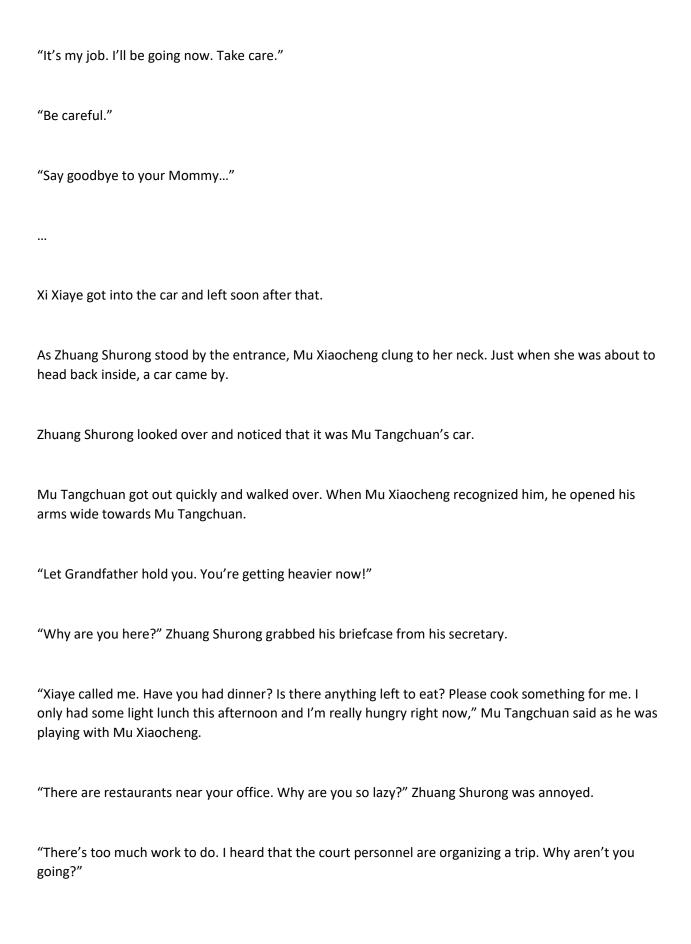
Chauffeur Wang arrived soon after dinner. Xi Xiaye gave Mu Xiaocheng a kiss before handing him over to Zhuang Shurong. "I'll leave him in your care then. I'll be back after the holidays. Please let Grandfather know..."

Zhuang Shurong nodded. "Don't worry. Also, tell Ah Chen to relax as well. He doesn't just play the role of a son to us. He's also a husband and father right now, so he should understand he doesn't live for just himself anymore. I know that he's not been feeling well, but I can rest easy knowing that you'll be there for him."

Zhuang Shurong was a little worried about Mu Yuchen after all.

Xi Xiaye nodded. "Don't worry, Mother, I will. By the way, I made a booking at Hospital T. Father and you should take this chance and do a full body check-up. I've made appointments for my parents too. All of you need to take care of your health as well. The doctor will contact you for further details."

Zhuang Shurong smiled. "Thank you, Xiaye."



"Let the youngsters go. I'm probably retiring in a few years. I feel that maybe it's time for us to stop ever since Mother passed away. I should put more focus on my family instead of work. After all, it doesn't feel as meaningful as my family," Zhuang Shurong said.

Mu Tangchuan halted his steps and held Mu Xiaocheng tightly. He turned around and squinted at his wife. Moments later, he smiled and teased her, "How rare for you to gain such insight! I thought you'd be fighting with others for your whole life. You're already a grandmother right now, so it's time for you to change your personality."

"Mu Tangchuan, am I really such a competitive person to you?" Zhuang Shurong frowned.

"Do you want to hear the truth?"

"Of course!" Zhuang Shurong squinted at him.

"You're extremely headstrong and competitive. I suppose you wouldn't know that your father told me I might not be able to stand you since he himself couldn't stand staying with you, but we've been together for so many years, haven't we?"

Mu Tangchuan looked deep into her eyes. "Ah Chen and Xiaye remind me of our past, but we were much luckier than them."