

## Loving 1251

### Chapter 1251. Anger 1

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Ever since autumn arrived, the weather had turned really cold in City Z, especially since rainy days kept visiting, so the air was oddly humid.

From that day when Qi Qiming spoke with Qi Lei, Qi Lei stopped going to Qi Kai to work. He also stopped applying for leave from the HR Department.

Qi Lei expected Qi Qiming to be furious at him and fire him immediately. However, Qi Qiming just kept quiet.

Yang Sheng had no idea what happened, and no one else knew what happened that day apart from the two of them. Yang Sheng found it odd that Qi Lei stopped going to the company for several days without any reason, so he then went to take a look at Qi Lei, but what surprised him was that his house in Grand Lake Villa area was empty. When he called Qi Lei, he could not get through either.

It seemed like Qi Lei did not return home at all and had been missing for several days.

However, as cracks existed in nearly every wall in the world, Qi Feng found out about what happened between Qi Lei and Qi Qiming.

In Qi Feng's office in Qi Kai Corporation.

"Master, these are the information you wanted." A subordinate handed a folder to Qi Feng who seemed busy at the moment.

Qi Feng raised his head and his expression seemed strained. His face darkened the moment he looked through the documents. A dark glint flashed in his eyes as well!

Pa!

He threw the documents onto the table. Even his cup of coffee spilled from the impact, shocking his subordinate.

“Qi Lei! I’ve underestimated him! I’ve underestimated him indeed!” His tone was cold and angry to the point that his anger made his whole body shudder slightly.

“What is this? Explain to me!”

Qi Feng always felt something was not right. He noticed there was something wrong with Qi Lei, especially ever since he started to get involved in the company operations. His connections seemed even broader than Wang Qin’s, and with someone like Mu Yuchen backing him up, as well as Qi Qiming’s attitude towards him, all of these made him find it odd. That was why he hired someone to conduct a thorough investigation of Qi Lei, but he did not expect something like this to happen behind his back.

Qi Lei wanted to leave Qi Kai and take away almost half of its resources along with him and start anew?

If Qi Qiming just kept quiet, not only could Qi Lei rely on Mu Yuchen’s power, but he could even use Qi Kai’s name to set up his own new company!

However, if Qi Qiming exposed him, it would cause another huge ruckus, and Qi Kai would be the one that suffered!

How could he!?

With such a piece of news breaking at a time like this, Qi Feng never knew that his brother was capable of something like this!

“Master, CEO Qi went to visit Second Master in the evening two days ago and brought these things over. CEO Qi went in angrily, but Second Master left soon after that. Then, CEO Qi left with a defeated expression. From what I heard from the butler, Second Master forced CEO Qi to make a decision: he must either keep a neutral stance or just forget that Qi Lei was ever his son at all. He also said that he might consider forgiving CEO Qi if he hands Qi Kai over to him.”

“Nonsense!” Qi Feng put on a cold grin. “He’s just trying to provoke me.”

While Qi Lei seemed like he did not care, he was feeling uneasy.

Qi Qiming was beginning to waver. His impression of Qi Lei had changed drastically, and he had been more and more considerate about the latter as well. Taking the case of Qi Lei’s external transfer as an example, Qi Qiming would have agreed without any hesitation in the past, but it might not be the same right now!

All of this seemed to be linked to Wang Qin.

Her death...

It seemed like his plan had failed.

Qi Feng started having a headache, so he took a deep breath and asked, “Is Qi Lei still not at work today?”

“Nope, it has been many days since Second Master has been absent. The HR Department mentioned it, but CEO Qi just said Second Master isn’t feeling well and might not come to work for a while, so there’s no need for him to apply for leave as well.”

Qi Feng’s expression darkened and his head felt even heavier than before. He had put so much effort in just to barely stabilize Qi Kai’s stock, and now this happened, thus he was feeling a little helpless.

“Master, Missus sent a message from the police station that she wants to see you, and she doesn’t want to stay in there anymore...”

“I know. You don’t have to tell me!”

Qi Feng was frustrated and helpless when Gu Lingsha's name was mentioned. He was really in a bind this time. There was no way he could get her out right now, and he could sense that this whole incident was not that simple. In fact, he was inclined to think that...

Mu Yuchen was behind all of this!

Qi Kai was in danger again while Qi Lei left with Glory World supporting him. He did not need to worry about anything at all!

'Mu Yuchen, just how far have you looked into this!?'

"Have you found out where Qi Lei is?" Qi Feng asked moments later.

"Not yet!"

"Trash! Useless trash!" Qi Feng was furious, and his angered expression was fearsome to his subordinate.

"Call Morrison right now and tell him to get back as soon as he settles things over there! Find Qi Lei quickly. It's time to have a good, long talk with him!" Qi Feng clenched his fists and commanded coldly.

His subordinate was terrified. "Yes, Master! I'll get it done right away!" He then quickly fled from the office.

Thud!

Qi Feng leaned back into his chair when he heard the sound of the door being closed. His eyes settled on the stack of documents before him.

"Great work, Mu Yuchen! I don't fear death, but are you sure that you don't too? I'll make you pay for this. You owe me too much! Each and every one of you thinks that you can use me like a chess piece,

taking me as a fool? One day, all of you will feel my pain,” he said those cold words as he pinched his legs. Despite feeling a sharp pain, he smiled.

Gu Qiwu, Doris, and even Gu Lingsha, all of them were just using him!

Otherwise, why would Gu Lingsha be in Qi Kai instead of Hui Gu?

Did everyone really think that he was an idiot?

Chapter 1252. Anger 2

Once resentment was sown, it grew very easily.

Qi Feng was never generous by natural disposition. At such a moment, he obviously would not go easy on Mu Yuchen.

Gu Lingsha was still detained at the police station. Even after so long had passed, they could not find any reason to cleanse her of the crime. It was hard to even get her out on bail because technically she had committed a crime with clear evidence. He still not understand how it ended up being Gu Lingsha and not Xi Xiaye. In fact, according to Morrison’s plan, it was not drugs but a hallucinogen, which was obviously targeted at Xi Xiaye.

That way, he could warn Mu Yuchen and give Gu Lingsha an explanation. Also, the other goal was to stop those reporters so that Xi Xiaye would believe he owed Qi Feng a favor. Alas, he could not have expected all these plans to be ruined!

Now that he recalled what happened, Xi Xiaye seemed to have acted quite calmly throughout the whole incident. She did not seem out of place at all. Could she have had a card up her sleeve?

Were Gu Lingsha’s so-called instincts right?

If that was the case, then he really had a whole new level of respect for Xi Xiaye now. However, that woman did not seem like someone that could be pushed around either.

When he thought about this, Qi Feng could not help but feel worn out...

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It was also during this hazy autumn day when the cool breeze rustled that Qi Lei, who had been missing for quite a few days now, stood in front of Wang Qin's tombstone for a long time with a large bouquet of flowers in his hand. Beside him, dressed in tight black clothes and a sun hat was Dongfang Liuyun.

Qi Lei bent down and slowly put the bouquet before Wang Qin's tombstone. He looked fondly and longingly at Wang Qin in the picture but did not say anything for a long time.

It was not sure how long had passed, and when he still did not say anything, Dongfang Liuyun calmly stated, "Your mother's very beautiful."

When Qi Lei heard that, he chuckled softly and sighed. "When my mother was younger, she was quite a beauty too. Otherwise, just with old man Qi's genes alone, they could not have had a son as handsome as me."

Even though he was speaking conceitedly, to Dongfang Liuyun, she could catch a hint of sadness and loneliness. For some reason, she could not help but feel a hint of bleakness in her. She seemed to be able to somewhat understand how he felt because perhaps she felt the same too.

"Have you heard about my mother before?" Qi Lei suddenly turned his head and lowered his gaze to look at the calm Dongfang Liuyun.

Her gaze only fell on Wang Qin's picture as she softly replied, "When I went to my father's, I heard him mention that she's a tough one in business, quite similar to how my mother is, but probably not as extreme. No matter what, I believe she was a good mother."

"She and old man Qi didn't love each other. She never even liked him. Two people who didn't love each other wasted so many years together. She keeps thinking about fighting while the reason was me. I never quite understood it. I thought she was just using me as an excuse for her greed. Afterward, I realized that I've been wrong. I was too narrow-minded and I misunderstood her feelings for me. I'm a very bad son."

One could hear Qi Lei blaming himself, and the loneliness in his voice...

He was not someone who was easily vulnerable in front of others, but with Dongfang Liuyun, he was quite surprised that throughout the time they spent together, he found her a really good listener. You could feel her calm aura. Perhaps, it was because of the way she did not deal with things with alarm and because of her laidback personality.

Dongfang Liuyun gently bent over and arranged the messy bouquet so that it looked tidier. "I can understand. The way you're acting is similar to those sons of rich families. You feel that they give you too little care and you crave concern from your parents. I've always thought that no one is born owing anyone else anything, even if they're your parents. If you keep craving for care from other people without knowing how to care for yourself, you will always be a child that never knows how to grow up."

When Dongfang Liuyun said this, she did not get up either. She was half-squatting and looking up at Qi Lei.

Her words stunned him and he could not help but meet with her gaze in surprise, yet Dongfang Liuyun had already silently looked away and lowered her gaze to look at the blossoming flowers before her...

Qi Lei thought she had more to say, but after a while, she did not, so he fell silent for a while before she continued, "To me, there should be no reason to stop us from trying to advance ourselves. You're living for yourself, not them. Those factors can only affect you, but it shouldn't influence you. After all, many years later, it isn't you who will be by their sides and aging with them."

"Why do you say so?" Qi Lei looked a little shocked at her.

Dongfang Liuyun's eyes flickered a little as she calmly smiled. "No real reason. I don't have as many realizations as you do. I just like being practical and realistic. I've always only wanted to live frankly, so the outside world rarely affects me. I think that when it comes to doing what's right, just do what you want to."

Now, Qi Lei finally understood what she was getting at. He could not help but frown as he looked at her. "Turns out that all that talk is just meant to lecture me?"

“If you want to see it like that, you can. Remember to pay me tuition fees later on.” Dongfang Liuyun swiftly stood up.

Qi Lei then shot her a look of disdain and scoffed, “I’m not your student.”

“And I’m not a lecturer of psychology either. I teach history and archaeology,” she refuted.

“I suddenly realize that you seem to have a lot of experience in many things...” Qi Lei looked at the side profile of Dongfang Liuyun’s calm expression, and could not help but be intrigued.

“It’s not a lot of experience. I’ve just heard too many stories. Don’t forget that my profession is in archaeology. In the long vein of history, many stories are stored. Every story can move you and you can learn a lot from it. This is one of the reasons why I’m passionate about it,” Dongfang Liuyun spoke casually.

Then, she turned and suddenly looked at Qi Lei before she continued, “You’re a genuine person. Under such circumstances, while it’s good to stick to your original aspirations, you’ll only trouble yourself which might not be a good thing either.”

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As her words threw Qi Lei into a daze, he vaguely remembered that a long time ago, Xi Xiaye seemed to have said something similar to her. However, he was left speechless every single time too.

“What do you think about my parents then?” Qi Lei thought about it and then asked this hesitantly.

Upon hearing that, Dongfang Liuyun just laughed and shook her head. “I don’t like making too much judgments about other people’s relationships. Whether it’s love or hate, or deep or shallow, perhaps only they would know themselves best. Sometimes, as large as a conflict may be, it could also be resolved in an instant, yet the ego of two people...”

When Dongfang Liuyun said that, she did not continue. Instead, she calmly averted her gaze and bowed respectfully to the tombstone before her, then turned to leave.



“I’ll wait for you down there,” she said, and before Qi Lei could respond, she had walked down lightly and calmly just as the aloof person she was. Even her aura was calm as the breeze.

Those words floated in the cool breeze. When Qi Lei turned to look at her, he only saw her frail back. She looked fragile, and showered underneath the hazy autumn sun, she looked extra lonely.

Actually, Dongfang Liuyun did not think of coming along with Qi Lei. It was only because they were playing games and Qi Lei had beaten her. After some thought, he thought of visiting Wang Qin, but he was afraid of this bleak loneliness, so he thought of getting her to accompany him.

The air fell silent in an instant. It was very quiet, so quiet that he could only hear his own breathing.

Qi Lei silently looked at Wang Qin’s picture. His voice was low and gentle as he said, “Mother, I’ve come to see you today. I wonder if you’re doing well over there...

“I was wrong. I used to always disobey you and always go against what you want. I’m really a horrible person. You didn’t give birth to me easily either. Not only did I rob you of good days, but I also didn’t even give you any grandchildren. I’ve really let you down.

“But don’t worry. Your son’s set up his own business now. When everything’s returned to calm, I’ll find a good woman and spend my days well. It’s just that without you around, I feel like my heart’s empty, and it’s hard to find a feeling of home. I don’t know whether after I’ve gotten you a daughter-in-law, if I’ll...

“Do well over there. Your son won’t be bullied anymore. In the next lifetime, don’t marry my father. Without me, you might not have suffered so much either. That way, you’d at least live a happier life. When we pass on, there’s no need for those things. How silly of you...”

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Qi Lei spoke a lot. Towards the end, he did not know what he had said either. He just knew that when he turned around to leave Wang Qin, the weather was great as the warm autumn sun showered its faint rays of twilight on the ground...

Dongfang Liuyun had been waiting for a long time in the car.

The car was hers. It was a black Wrangler, Dongfang Liuyun was sitting in the driver's seat, casually browsing through a travel magazine.

Bam!

The car door was closed as Qi Lei sat down without a word. His expression clearly showed that something was weighing on him.

Dongfang Liuyun shot him a calm look, but she did not disturb him. She looked away and continued browsing through that final page, then she set it aside. She casually fixed her messy hair before quietly starting the car.

"Do you have a lecture in the afternoon?" Qi lei reached out to turn on the music as he asked.

Dongfang Liuyun swiftly made a half-turn and then steadily drove out of the parking spot as she calmly responded, "I don't have a lecture, but I do have to go get some materials from the research institute. Then, I need to find more materials from the city library."

She had quite a few things to do today, but she had agreed to the bet, so she must accept the loss, Qi Lei had asked her to go with his conditions, hence she could only go along with it.

Qi Lei thought about it for a moment, then said, "Let's go eat first. I also need to make a trip to the library this afternoon. What a coincidence."

He had actually been staying at the hotel these past few days. When he left, he had even taken the few books he had borrowed from the library with him since he wanted to return them anyway.

"This car's not too comfortable. Shouldn't you change to a more comfortable one?" Qi Lei did not quite like these kinds of high-performance off-road vehicles as they felt uncomfortable to sit in.

Upon hearing that, Dongfang Liuyun glanced at him, then suddenly stepped on the accelerator. Qi Lei involuntarily fell backward in surprise. Upon seeing that Dongfang Liuyun did not look too happy, he realized he had said something wrong, so he quickly tried to appease her, "I'm not saying I don't like your car. This one costs quite a bit too. I just think that in our city, another car would be more comfortable. When you travel out for work, then it'll be more suitable to drive this one."

When Dongfang Liuyun heard that, she did not answer him. Her twinkling eyes squinted, then she turned up the volume of the music.

Qi Lei cleared his throat and lowered the music a little. "I got a pretty good car from Mu Yuchen previously. I have many anyway, so why don't I give you one? Consider it the start of our friendship, or maybe agree to my marriage proposal in the game? I've been courting you for so long now that the people of Hero Hall and the allies are all laughing at me now. I've been chasing you for so long and you're still as cold as ice. If you agree to me, with the combination of our powers, we can definitely conquer the entire region."

When Qi Lei brought this up, he felt very much sullen. Whether she was Swift Snowy or Dongfang Liuyun, she was hard to tackle! He did not know what was on her mind like right now. They were technically friends, yet he felt like he could not see through her at all.

"When we've reached the final level of the game, and if we're both still alive, we'll talk then." Dongfang Liuyun's tone was as cool as the wind while her hands were steady on the wheel.

"When's that going to happen?" Qi Lei frowned as he fixed his gaze on her. "Can we negotiate? I'm willing to pay a sky-high price for the betrothal gift."

"There's no room for negotiation. You know I don't need those things," Dongfang Liuyun answered swiftly and decisively.

"Only I'm a match for you in the entire region." Qi Lei looked at her confidently and casually took out a cigarette box from his pocket. He took a stick out and leisurely lit it up.

"You're quite confident." Dongfang Liuyun chuckled, revealing a smile that was beautiful and moving. Qi Lei was momentarily stunned at this sight. "Keep it up and good fortune will come."

Upon seeing his eyes turn misty, she looked away and the smile on her face slowly faded.

“Do you think you’re the Goddess of Prophecy?”

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Qi Lei’s handsome face flashed with a happy smile as he turned on his side and leaned against the seat gently. He looked at Dongfang Liuyun amusedly.

Dongfang Liuyun remained calm while she focused on the road ahead and drove steadily. She did not want to say anything, but after thinking about, she decided to bring it up anyway. “I don’t know how to say too many encouraging words. Based on the way you’ve been behaving these past few days, you must have met some trouble.”

Upon hearing that, Qi Lei was stunned. Then, he turned to look out of the window. “Can’t hide anything from your sharp eyes.”

After he said that, he kept quiet and did not say anything more, yet Dongfang Liuyun did not ask either. She just silently sped up.

The car instantly fell silent. Apart from the music that played, they could hear the sound of the wind rustling while a fragrance fluttered in the cool breeze. It came from the woman beside him.

Qi Lei kept quiet until he felt a light touch on his ears. It was slightly ticklish, so he subconsciously reached out to touch his ears. Then, he realized that it was her hair flying upward...

“Aren’t you curious about what happened?”

She always seemed so uninterested in everything, and her lukewarm demeanor sometimes made him feel...

“It’s not a good thing for me to know too much. Nonetheless, when it comes to you, if you’re willing to share, I may not be able to help you figure things out, but I can be a listener,” Dongfang Liuyun said, and then slowed down the car.

The car was still traversing ahead. Qi Lei raised his brows, and he watched her from the corner of his eyes as they left Fatong, yet he did not bring up those matters.

Dongfang Liuyun waited for quite a while, and when he did not say anything, she turned to look at him. What greeted her sight was the side of Qi Lei's handsome and slightly cool face. From this angle, you could see his flickering, long eyelashes. No matter how you looked, he appeared like a frustrated teenager.

As Dongfang Liuyun watched, her gaze suddenly fell solemn.

For some reason, she seemed to be able to resonate with him. Perhaps not a lot of people could understand the situation they were in.

"Let's go to the library a little later. I'll bring you somewhere after we're done eating." It was not sure how long had passed when Dongfang Liuyun suddenly said this, Qi Lei was a little surprised, so he did not react right away. Eventually, he turned to look at her.

She had already slowly wound down the window, took off her hat, and put it aside as the car picked up speed.

The car sped into the city, and made a few turns at many bustling traffic harbors. Finally, they reached an old city district. She was familiar with the place and brought Qi Lei to a nearby restaurant for lunch. By the time they left the restaurant, it was already past 2 p.m.

"Come with me."

When they left the restaurant, Dongfang Liuyun walked ahead.

It looked like there was a quiet spot for leisure ahead. Given how familiar she seemed, she must have come here quite often.

It was a very clean limestone pavement that was rather quiet.

The sound of her treading broke the silence of the alley. Her low-heeled boots clopped on the floor, and you could also clearly see the corner of her windbreaker fluttering.

Qi Lei watched her gradually walk away. After a while, he snapped back to his senses and quickly went after her.

The two of them walked through the quiet street one after another.

Soon, they reached the side of the plaza that appeared a little old-fashioned. Many children were ice-skating and skateboarding at the plaza. There were also quite a number of old people walking around while sunbathing, so it was quite lively.

Qi Lei followed Dongfang Liuyun to the side of the plaza, and then she suddenly stopped walking. He was about to ask her what she had in mind when the alluring sound of a violin playing was suddenly heard. It sliced through the clamor of the plaza, and gradually, the crowd quietened down too.

Surprised, Qi Lei quickly turned his head and looked towards the music.

This was when he realized that not too far away in the middle of the plaza by the wishing pond, two people had appeared.

They were a man and a woman who appeared to be middle-aged and were thin. The clothes they wore were not very new, but they were clean.

The melodious tune came from the violin on the man's shoulder while the woman stood there by his side, dressed in a clean mauve jacket with an autumn dress underneath. She looked quite beautiful, but Qi Lei noticed that her eyes were not focused.

'When I am down, and oh, my soul so weary...'

With the violin's melodious rhythm, her clear and pleasant singing was heard.

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'You raise me up, so I can stand on mountains...'

Her passionate voice was heard far and wide. Many people could not help but stop to quietly watch and listen. Even Qi Lei was mesmerized by her spirited and passionate singing.

"They're husband and wife. They used to have a large-scale manufacturing factory. Ten years ago, because of an accident, their factory was set on fire by some bad people, and in that fire, they lost their only son. The wife's eyes were blinded by the smoke and the husband's throat was damaged too. Then, they were burdened with debt, and all their relatives distanced themselves from them."

At this moment, Dongfang Liuyun's voice was heard like a cool breeze by his ear.

"They were once so in despair that they thought of suicide, but after that, they came to a realization that with their skills, they could start to plan new livelihoods once more. The wife's voice is the husband's voice whereas the husband's eyes are her eyes. It's been 10 years, and they've won the respect of many people. Even though they are busking on the streets right now, they no longer undervalue themselves and give up. You raise me up...I love this song the most, and it's a song they sing every day. Every time I'm feeling down, I come here..."

Dongfang Liuyun's voice gradually softened while a rare mistiness glimmered in her starry eyes. She watched the husband and wife for a long while before continuing, "Look, if even they can go on with life so optimistically, we're just experiencing occasional frustrations. There are many more things in life that will make one feel more despair than death, but we have to overcome it and not be sad and dejected."

When she said this, she did not turn to look at Qi Lei, yet he could vaguely feel a sense of comfort from her.

Suddenly, he felt like all those frustrating things no longer made him feel so depressed anymore.

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As his heart trembled along with the music in the air, he raised his head and watched the performing couple before noticing the girl beside him becoming quiet.

Dongfang Liuyun had one hand in her pocket while the other was just casually resting.

As he thought about it, his situation was not so bad when compared to such despair, was it not?

It was not really much other than a stepping stone on his path of growth. That was all.

Qi Lei felt much more relieved. He smiled and felt a warmth gushing into his chest, just like the sun that shone upon the world. Hope was rising everywhere.

Moments later, he started humming along with the tune, and his smile never faded.

Dongfang Liuyun glanced at him and chuckled when she noticed he did not seem depressed anymore. She tapped her fingers along with the music tempo as she hummed as well.

When Qi Lei looked over, his smile grew wider as her gentle smile seemed encouraging to him.

Suddenly, the crowd around them started to sing along as well. Those who did not know the lyrics just hummed to the melody as the couple repeated the song again. Some people even seemed teary.

His glances crossed her occasionally.

For some reason, it felt like Dongfang Liuyun was shrouded in bright light, piercing through the darkness he was left in, rescuing him out into the open, and carefully equipping him with an armor of steel. His eyes turned clear right away.

“Thank you, Liuyun,” Qi Lei said quietly as the song ended.

Dongfang Liuyun smiled and nodded, then she turned over and walked forward.

Qi Lei paused before catching up with her. He walked beside her and noticed her looking around the plaza, so he then continued, “Hey, I’m thanking you!”



Dongfang Liuyun continued to move as she glanced at him. "I'd be much happier if you say 'thank you, Teacher Dongfang!'"

He instantly realized that Dongfang Liuyun was setting up a trap there. "Ms. Dongfang, you're 26 this year, so that's a bit old for me to address you as my teacher, no? However—"

Qi Lei suddenly stopped. Both his hands were in his pockets as Dongfang Liuyun gave him a surprised look, but she calmly waited for the remainder of his sentence.

"However what?"

Qi Lei shrugged. "I just feel lucky to have met you. At least, this part of my mind feels much better after what happened just now, as well as after your comfort during this period of time. As expected from a teacher, I feel encouraged just by talking to you," he spoke humbly as he pointed at his chest.

Dongfang Liuyun smiled. "I didn't do anything. You are the one who reached those insights. There's nothing I could do if someone doesn't have the determination. I've always believed that you were special anyway."

She continued forward without looking back at him.

"Why?" Qi Lei was curious. They hardly knew each other, so how could she believe in him?

He had trusted Gu Lingsha before and thought he knew a lot about her, but who would have known she would have turned out like this?

Dongfang Liuyun replied briefly after that, "Gut feeling."

She took a deep breath. "My gut feeling tells me that you're a great person, and someone trustworthy, thus it won't do me harm even if you turn out to be not trustworthy anyway. Just like my students, I hope they can learn something from me. I can't force them to learn, and I can only believe in them."

“Even so, you’re only semi-passable as a teacher,” Qi Lei said.

“I doubt you’d understand, but a teacher can only do so much.” Dongfang Liuyun did not mind his remark at all.

“How do you feel right now?” She switched topics.

Qi Lei nodded. “I feel much better now. I feel like I’ve thought a lot of things through as well. But, wait, I think I won’t go to the library. I have to go back to Qi Kai. It’s time for me to face it.” His eyes were brimming with determination as well as gratitude towards her.

Dongfang Liuyun smiled. “I wish you good luck then.”

“Thank you!”

Qi Lei took out a library card and handed it to her. “Please help me return the books in the car. I’ve already gone through them.”

Frowning, Dongfang Liuyun was surprised to see the extra library card from him. She took it from him moments later and did not say anything further as she just walked forward.

There was a pleasant fragrance in the air as she passed by. When he turned over and looked at her, he could only catch a glimpse of her dark figure and her wavy long hair...

She seemed cold on the outside, but she was a very warm person.

Mmm, a beautiful and nice person.

That was Qi Lei’s impression of her now.

Many years later, every time he was reminded of her figure, the same thought appeared in his mind—bless you and have a good life.

While he had his hopes up, he could not fight against her quiet stance. Her gentle smile alone was enough for his happiness...

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He waited there until Dongfang Liuyun finally vanished beyond his sight. He lowered his head with a smile on his face as if he was reminiscing some good old memories. Then, he looked up and took out his phone to call Yang Sheng.

As for Yang Sheng who was extremely anxious and worried, he was relieved to get a call from Qi Lei, but his tone was still filled with anxiety. “Master Qi, oh my God! You’ve finally contacted me. Where are you? The whole company is looking for you right now. What happened? Are you okay?”

He was very concerned.

“I’m fine. I’m outside right now. I’ll send you an address so send a car to come and pick me up.” Qi Lei went straight to the point and hung up on the call right after he gave his order. Then, he sent an address to Yang Sheng before sitting down on a bench by the plaza.

Half an hour later, a car that Yang Sheng arranged for arrived.

“Master Qi!” When Yang Sheng got out of the car and saw Qi Lei who was resting on the bench, he let out a sigh of relief before heading over.

Qi Lei opened his eyes when he heard Yang Sheng’s voice.

“Where have you been? Chairman Mu and I almost called the police because I thought you went missing!” Yang Sheng still looked worried.

Qi Lei got up and took a deep breath. “You called Mu Yuchen?”

“Not yet, but I’ve told Vice President Liu Lingyu who’s probably informed Chairman Mu.” Yang Sheng continued, “Master Qi, where have you been in the past few days? Things have blown up in the office. Master Qi Feng doesn’t seem to be in a good mood, and I heard he got frustrated with the HR department manager this morning, saying something like they are being irresponsible for not checking up on you when you’ve been absent for so long. I can sense there was something else.”

Qi Lei grinned, getting into the car as Yang Sheng opened the door for him.

“I just went out for a walk. Is that all Qi Feng is capable of? What’s the situation with the old man? Did he discuss anything with Qi Feng in the past few days?”

“The company stock has barely managed to stabilize. CEO Qi has been swamped with work. He also went to City C two days ago to urge for a loan payback. He eventually got the funds back and used them to help out the company situation, only returning to City Z last night. Master Qi Feng went to see CEO Qi this morning, but his request for a meeting was declined. CEO Qi has been working really hard and doesn’t seem to be in a good condition. By the way, CEO Qi was very concerned about you coming back to work or not. He sent his assistant to inquire about it and didn’t seem very happy to know that you’ve been absent from work.”

Yang Sheng squinted and carefully observed Qi Lei’s expression from the rearview mirror. Qi Lei’s expression was hardly affected while his eyes were calm, so he had no idea what his boss was thinking about.

Qi Lei’s grin grew wider and he looked out of the window while being deep in thought.

Naturally, Yang Sheng had no idea what happened. He found Qi Lei’s recent behavior odd, but since Qi Lei did not say anything, he did not want to intrude on his privacy.

“Master Qi?” Yang Sheng spoke up after some time, “We...I heard that Master Qi Feng went to meet Doris at the hotel this morning. I think they are planning to bail Manager Gu out, but...”

Gu Lingsha?

Qi Lei frowned the moment her name was mentioned.

He somehow figured something was going to happen when Qi Feng invited Xi Xiaye over for dinner, but he guessed it would be fine with Mu Yuchen protecting her. He did not realize since when he could start trusting Mu Yuchen so much.

As proven, Mu Yuchen's methods of dealing with things truly impressed him!

What a capable man!

Not only did he punish Gu Lingsha, but he also restricted Qi Feng and Doris. Even Gu Qiwu had his own fair share of problems while Qi Qiming probably also felt the terrible aftermath too. Qi Lei would not have thought that Qi Qiming's sudden change in attitude towards him was due to his guilt.

"I told you to just ignore Gu Lingsha. It will be difficult for her to get out once she gets in there anyway." Qi Lei's eyes lit up.

He knew it too well. If Mu Yuchen was just trying to give Gu Lingsha a little warning, he would not have asked Su Chen for help! He planned to make her suffer.

Yang Sheng took a pause. Just as he was about to say something, Qi Lei continued, "Call the managers as well as Vice President Liu of Glory World. Tell them to gather around this Wednesday afternoon for a meeting."

"A meeting?" Yang Sheng seemed shocked.

Qi Lei took a deep breath and pinched the space between his eyebrows. "My cover was blown and the old man found out, so it's time for me to get out."

"What?!" Yang Sheng's eyes widened. "Then, will CEO Qi..."

"I don't really care right now. The progress is near completion anyway, so there's no point staying any longer. Qi Kai's crisis this time might be an opportunity for me."

“I’m afraid that Qi Kai...the funds from City B aren’t enough. If we do so...”

“Don’t worry about the funding. I’ve saved up a lot from stock investments in the past years, and Grandfather also left me a huge sum of money back then. I used them all to invest in other countries. While the dividends I received were not as grand as Glory World’s, it’s more than enough to operate the new projects and the company.”

He had enough money to spend on several lifespans by just inheriting Wang Qin’s assets. Otherwise, Qi Feng would not be trying so hard to take these away from him, and Qi Lei was not just a wealthy good-for-nothing brat!

Chapter 1257. Leave 1

When they returned to Qi Kai, it was close to the evening when everyone left work.

The whole company was still very busy. Qi Lei had been absent from the office for quite a few days now. With Qi Feng’s ruckus with the HR Department earlier, everyone thought it was odd that Qi Lei would suddenly show up, especially when they saw their usually playful Mr. Qi looking grim at the moment.

The moment Qi Lei returned to the office, he went straight to his office.

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When he saw Qi Lei placidly sit down in his chair and began to leisurely pack away the things on his desk, Yang Sheng said worriedly, “Master Qi, are we just going to leave the company like this? Do we need to coordinate with CEO Qi to avoid...”

Without even looking at him, Qi Lei reached out to take the photo frame from the table and looked at the photo of Wang Qin. After a while, he put it inside the box. “No need for that. Once I walk out of the door, I don’t think I’ll get a chance of returning again which will be exactly what they want. I’m just a disposable character to them, after all. Quickly pack up. I want to go home and cook dinner. Also, remember to inform our people that whoever wants to work with me can just report for work at Chenye Movies and Television.”

“Master Qi...”

“Don’t doubt any of my decisions. I’ve been deploying for this matter for a long while now. The new company matters have been prepared by my mother’s trusted aides. With them around, it won’t be too tough. I think after the New Year, the new company can begin business operations. When that happens, the resources for Chenye Movies and Television from here will be transferred over. It’ll just be like changing the name for Chenye Movies and Television.”

As for Mu Yuchen and Qi Lei’s agreement, Yang Sheng did not know about it, and right now at this point, Qi Lei did not feel the need to hide anything.

However, when Yang Sheng heard this, he was shocked!

Did that mean that Chairman Mu’s Chenye Movies and Television was just an empty shell?

Noticing the shock in Yang Sheng’s eyes, Qi Lei picked up a stack of documents from the table and put it into the box as he explained, “Mu Yuchen has invested in the new company as a partner while the operations will be our job. Chenye Movies and Television still exists. After all, it does have Yueying Culture Media Company’s movies. Glory World’s focus isn’t on the entertainment industry. Mu Yuchen’s projects right now include estates too, and those are enough to worry him. He won’t bite off more than he can chew. He’s not such a thoughtless person. Otherwise, he wouldn’t do this, but no matter what, his and Xiaye’s thoughts, I...”

At this point, Qi Lei did not continue. He sighed and then continued to quietly put away the documents on the table.

Yet, inside Qi Qiming’s office, the news that Qi Lei was back in the office had practically reached Qi Qiming right away.

The secretary had gone to get Qi Lei over quite a few times, but he did not respond, and when they saw him packing up, they quickly rushed back to report to Qi Qiming.

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Qi Qiming thought about it for a moment, then finally could not help but get up and rushed to Qi Lei’s office.

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Inside Qi Lei's office.

Qi Lei roughly packed away his things, and then put his resignation letter on the table before slowly getting up while Yang Sheng carried a half-filled box and followed after him.

Qi Lei headed towards the door. When they were about to walk out, he still could not help but stop and turn around to look at this office. Complicated sadness involuntarily filled his dark eyes.

When he saw Qi Lei suddenly stop walking, Yang Sheng hesitated and softly called out to him, "Master Qi..."

Qi Lei sighed, then blinked a little sorrowfully.

This place did contain his mother, Wang Qin's decades of blood, sweat, and tears. At the moment when he left like this, he probably would not be stepping foot in here again. Qi Lei could not help but feel sad. He was not sure if it was because he might miss it or because of something else.

"We'll start over. I'll give my mother a new Qi Kai and comfort her soul in the heavens that all her years of work didn't go to waste and that she didn't lose to anyone either. Her son won't lose to anyone. I won't give in!"

When Qi Lei said this, he sounded determined, then he suddenly turned around to pull open the door. However, just as the door was opened, a dark, tall figure greeted his sight!

Qi Qiming!

When he saw Qi Qiming's gloomy and complicated gaze, Qi Lei only felt a coldness flash in his heart, but he did not call out to him. Instead, he looked at him coldly.



Qi Qiming looked at the unruly Qi Lei and then looked at Yang Sheng who was carrying a box behind him. His expression worsened.

“What are you planning on doing?” Qi Qiming’s eagle eyes were fixed on Qi Lei as he asked coldly.

Qi Lei casually put one hand into his pocket and casually looked at Qi Qiming. He did not look like his usual playful self. Instead, he appeared solemn. “I’ve left my resignation letter on the table. I’ll only take away what’s mine and I didn’t touch any of your things. Tomorrow, my lawyer will come over to discuss it with you.”

“Are you abandoning Qi Kai, abandoning the Qi family, and your own father?” Qi Qiming said through gritted teeth. As his breathing became a little heavy, you could tell that he was angry!

“Don’t make it sound so bad. Apart from being my father by name, what have you given me? All these years of fighting have worn me out. Let’s just have nothing to do with each other from now on,” Qi Lei said wearily. He sighed and silently lowered his head, not wanting to say too much. He walked past Qi Qiming and wanted to march away.

“Qi Lei! You’ve been reckless! What’s the meaning of this? Do you want to sever ties?” Qi Qiming quickly reached out to hold Qi Lei back. When he saw Qi Lei like this, he could not help but panic. It was like the way Wang Qin had left. His heart felt like it was missing a piece!

With his arm being held, Qi Lei frowned and did not hesitate to pull away Qi Qiming’s large hand. “Sever ties? I don’t think I’ve made Qi Kai my enemy. I’m just taking away what’s mine and what belongs to Mother, can’t I? Or were you already planning on passing on Qi Kai to me?”

As Qi Lei’s questioning voice brought a thick flavor of sarcasm with it, Qi Qiming looked even worse.

“Qi Lei, take back all the words you’ve said today. I can pretend that nothing happened. You’re still Qi Kai’s VP and we’re still family. Do you hear me?!”

Qi Qiming tried hard to suppress the anger surging in him and tried his best to stay calm.

Chapter 1258. Leave 2

Even when Qi Qiming gave in, Qi Lei did not seem to appreciate it.

“I can’t take it back. I’ve made up my mind. I don’t care anymore. Just leave Qi Kai to Qi Feng. I don’t want to see you ever again,” Qi Lei said, then shook Qi Qiming’s arm off before walking away.

Yang Sheng watched Qi Qiming’s gloomy expression and was so frightened that he felt a layer of sweat on his back. He drew in quite a few breaths and bowed to Qi Qiming before going after Qi Lei.

His steps were not hesitant and his posture was indifferent and decisive! Qi Qiming never knew that his son could be so bold!

Even Wang Qin may not have been this firm, but Qi Lei was...

Qi Qiming only felt a blunt pain in his chest. The indescribable sadness made it hard for him to breathe while the anger that was heating up in his heart made him shout sharply at Qi Lei’s back, “You unfilial son! If you dare step out of Qi Kai’s door today, don’t you ever come back! The Qi family doesn’t have a backstabbing animal like you!”

Qi Lei paused in his steps as a cold smile flashed at the corner of his mouth. He did not turn back when he answered, “As you wish then. Since I’ve decided to leave, I don’t plan on coming back either.”

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His cold and straight figure very quickly vanished in the walkway. Qi Qiming looked on and suddenly felt like he could not catch his breath. He fell limp and was about to fall when the secretary quickly went up from the side and held him.

“CEO Qi! CEO Qi, are you okay? Are you feeling alright?”

Qi Qiming breathed hard, and with one hand holding onto the wall, he let the secretary hold him as he said in a trembling tone, “Help me back to my office. Don’t let anyone know about this and come up with a counter plan right away. Just claim that I let Second Master journey out to gain experience, hoping that he’ll make something of himself and let him start a new company to practice, and even gave

him some resources from the company too. Also, tell the HR Department to let First Master take over the externally transferred Director Xing's post first."

When he said that, the secretary was stunned.

Was the Master only taking on a director's role?

He thought that CEO Qi was about to retire and that Master Qi Feng should be taking on the CEO post right away. Otherwise, he should at least be Deputy CEO, but what was happening now?

Obviously, the secretary dared not ask too much. He only nodded and responded, "Yes, CEO Qi! I understand. I'll send word down right away. Let me help you back first. Your health hasn't been great recently, and the doctor suggests that you recuperate for a while..."

"It's fine. With Qi Kai in such a state right now, how can I recuperate at ease?" Qi Qiming's tone was filled with helplessness. As he fell limp, he seemed to have aged much more compared to his sharp, imposing manner before this.

How did they get here?

Was he really just going to stand by helplessly and watch the brothers go against each other like enemies?

He and Wang Qin had already gone through such misfortune and suffering. He really could not bear to watch his remaining two sons turn out like this too, taking after them.

Besides, Wang Qin had died an unnatural death, and this matter had long left a mark on him. If Mu Yuchen was not the murderer, who could it be?

Did the police station employ a bunch of useless people? They could not even investigate a little matter well!

As Qi Qiming thought about it, he felt his heart grow even heavier, and he could not help but be dazed!

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“What did you say?”

An hour later, in Qi Feng’s office, his hoarse voice pierced through the silence of the office.

Qi Feng looked at Morrison without an expression. Meanwhile, Morrison looked travel-worn and his fatigued expression did not look too good either.

“Yes, I’ve just heard about it from CEO Qi’s men. CEO Qi told the HR Department through his secretary and didn’t go through the shareholders’ decision to let First Master take over Director Xing’s position. Also, CEO Qi just explained that Second Master’s actions are to let him gain experience which seems to have calmed their worries down. Even though they feel sullen, at such a critical time, this might be the best solution.”

You could hear helplessness in Morrison’s voice.

Qi Kai was not in a good state right now. Given that many things had happened in the past year, as strong as Qi Kai may be, it could not handle one torment after another. Right now, when they finally managed to catch their breath, Qi Lei came up with such trouble. If those shareholders and ill-intentioned people found out, there would be trouble again, so Qi Qiming only did this out of desperation. Meanwhile, they could only watch as Qi Lei freely left to start his own thing with a halo of Qi Kai’s protection above him too!

It was frustrating!

Too frustrating!

Mu Yuchen!

It must be Mu Yuchen again!

It was such a simple trick, yet it forced them to give in again and again!

Bam!

When Qi Feng thought about this, he almost vomited blood!

He slammed his clenched fists hard onto the desk before him and his raspy voice was filled with a chill. "I've underestimated you! I really underestimated you two, Mu Yuchen, Qi Lei! I won't let you be happy for too long."

"Master, what should we do now? Should we look for CEO Qi?" Morrison tried to ask because he could feel that the current situation was bad, but he could not quite make a decision either.

Qi Lei took a deep breath and tried hard to let himself calm down. He thought about it for a long time and then replied, "Don't panic. It's not too bad yet. As long as Mu Yuchen's being limited outside, we won't be too affected by her. Inform Doris that I agree to her conditions, but she must think of a way to save Shasha. As for Weiwei, she'll have to accept her too. Also, I want her to stop Qi Lei, to kill of Qi Lei's idea and cripple this arm of Mu Yuchen's!"

"Master, should we let Doris make a move? This..." Morrison hesitated as he thought about it, and then continued, "I'm worried that if anything happens to Second Master, CEO Qi will suspect you immediately. If that happens, the gains won't make up for the losses!"

"Fool! I didn't say I want them to be killed. As long as his new company's stopped, that's enough. I think the old man will be happy to see him fail too! Also, find a way to break apart his partnership with Mu Yuchen and lose Mu Yuchen's support. As long as I just want to handle Qi Lei, it won't be too hard. Does he really think he can have Qi Kai? Even if the old man has changed his mind about him, so what?"

Qi Feng's tone sounded calm, but you could hear the coldness in the bones.

Chapter 1259. Don't Want To Leave You 1

The evening sunset glow colored half the sky red. Soon, the boundless gray came slowly with the night breeze, swallowing the final light by the horizons, and then the sky quietened down.

On the streets of Los Angeles early one evening, Xi Xiaye was dressed in a light beige fall dress with a small black jacket, and her waist-length hair was tied casually into a bun. She walked along unhurriedly on this slightly noisy street.

Beside her was Mu Yuchen. He held her frail shoulders by habit while his other hand held the jacket that he had just taken off.

The husband and wife did not say much. They just walked like that for quite a distance until Xi Xiaye then slowly stopped to reach out and pull at his sleeve. She turned and looked up quietly at him.

“What’s wrong?” Mu Yuchen was surprised that she had suddenly stopped.

“Settle the problem sooner and come home quickly. I’m worried about you being alone out here. Father and Mother have called to urge you home now. Everyone’s really worried about you.” Xi Xiaye’s soft voice was clearly concerned.

As he smiled, his hand that held her shoulder tightened and he pulled her into his warm embrace and said in a low, raspy voice, “Don’t worry. I promise I won’t take too long. Besides, I’m not alone here. Zimo and Li Si are here too. Su Chen’s probably coming over soon too.”

“Does the Zhou family know about Zimo already?” Xi Xiaye asked with concern.

“Su Chen’s told them. Even though they are worried, they are willing to trust us. Zimo has explained it to Uncle Zhou. When you go back, just pretend you don’t know what’s happening here. You’re just here to be on holiday with me, okay?” he carefully explained.

She nodded gladly and responded, “Mmm, I understand. I’m just here to be on holiday with you, and then go back home with Su Nan and Ruan Heng.”

“Good.”

He reached out to carefully fix her fringe that had fallen on her forehead. "Remember to bring up their father more in front of our sons. Otherwise, they'll forget me by the time I get back."

Upon hearing that, Xi Xiaye pursed her lips and laughed. "Don't worry. Zirui's asking when you're coming home every day. Xiao Cheng's still little. Do you expect him to recognize anyone? But I can almost hear him speak, and I heard Mother say that he can already stand up on his own these past few days. He can walk a few steps and didn't cry when he fell. Yesterday, Grandpa went to Maple Residence, and our baby was trying to follow him or something."

When she spoke about her two sons, Xi Xiaye felt very proud.

"Also, in his monthly exams, Xiao Rui got first place in his whole grade and was far ahead of second place. You can praise him when you get back. The little guy loves your praises. He's still young, so it's necessary to encourage and praise him," Xi Xiaye said.

"Well, of course, he inherited that mind of his from me. He was influenced by me, not you and the way you got the last place in your grade. When you get home, tell him that I'll bring home a special gift for him," he said, then pulled her aside to sit down on the bench underneath the streetlights. He considerately put the jacket on his arm onto her shoulders. "It's a little cold."

Xi Xiaye did not reject it as she fixed the coat, and his soft voice continued to be heard. "Grandpa's been going to visit Grandfather often recently. That's a good thing too."

"Don't worry. Grandfather and Grandpa are quite well. I heard Ah Shi say that the two of them and a few other old men signed up for some autumn hiking club. They join the activities organized by the club every day these days, including autumn excursions on foot and some other outdoor competitions that are suitable for older people, so they're rather busy now."

Xi Xiaye only found out about this from the call with Mu Lingshi a few days ago. That was great. At least, they had something to pass the time with.

Mu Yuchen was quite surprised to hear that. "Grandfather and Grandpa have always gathered together. It's good that they hang out with Elder Su and the rest too."

"It's good, but Ji Zitong mentioned to me that Grandfather Su was paying much attention to her not being pregnant. Su Chen and her have been together for almost a year now, so they can't help but be worried," Xi Xiaye said and could not help but laugh as she could imagine the helpless look on Ji Zitong's face.

"Su Chen's going to turn 34 soon. Do you think he's still young?" Mu Yuchen laughed casually and then leaned back against the seat. With one arm over Xi Xiaye's shoulders, he looked up with his profound gaze at the faint streetlights that fell on the ground. He said in a lowered voice, "Who could have imagined that in the blink of an eye, 30 odd years would have passed just like that?"

She leaned into his shoulders. "Yeah, time passes too quickly. We couldn't have imagined where we'd be today."

He chuckled and did not say anything, merely hugging her tightly.

"Mu Yuchen..." She fell silent for a while, and then suddenly turned over and silently watched him.

"Mmm?" He loved it when she called his name as he looked at her with half-lidded eyes.

"I've been thinking that back then if it wasn't because of what happened that time, and if I didn't respond to your request, would you have asked me the second time? Would you have asked to marry me a second time?" Xi Xiaye could not help but have this thought flash across her mind.

This made Mu Yuchen think for quite a while, and then he responded seriously, "Even though I don't like repeating myself, you have always been an exception."

She felt her heart warm, and then she reached out with both hands to hold his hands that lay on his lap tightly. "Me too. I think no matter how many times we can go back in time, I would probably have agreed to you the first time you proposed, and then all those unhappy things wouldn't have happened after that."

"You're truly an unreserved silly one." Mu Yuchen was amused. Were all women as imaginative as her?



“Right, Xi Xinyi...are you really confident that you can get her...to Han Yifeng’s side?” Xi Xiaye could not help but ask.

Mu Yuchen lowered his gaze, thought about it, then answered, “That would depend on how Qi Lei arranges it then.”

“Didn’t you say before that Qi Lei should probably seize this opportunity as well? How will this pan out?” Xi Xiaye could not help but be worried obviously because of Xi Xinyi. She was worried that if they could not fulfill their promise to Xi Xinyi, Xi Xinyi would be unhappy and then things would change.

“What are you worried about? Even if we don’t need Qi Lei to worry, there are other ways of moving Xi Xinyi over. It just depends on how much she was willing to sacrifice.”

She understood these words.

Han Yifeng was in San Francisco while Xi Xinyi was in City Z. One of them would need to choose to compromise...

Chapter 1260. Don't Want To Leave You (2)

Xi Xiaye thought about it for a moment, then sighed softly. Her hand that held his tightly loosened up too.

“Han Yifeng was quite determined before this too. I think that the probability isn’t great when it comes to this. You men can sometimes do quite heartbreaking things when you become heartless. You can really show no mercy...” Xi Xiaye was referring to Xi Xinyi and Han Yifeng’s son, and Mu Yuchen obviously understood.

“I remember back when Han Yifeng was also this decisive with me, at least, back then, I thought that he must have loved Xi Xinyi to death, that he’d just recklessly unloaded a burden like me, but now that I think about it...it’s just that Xi Xinyi bitterly disappointed him while she also... Mr. Mu...actually, seeing them like this...apart from feeling vindicated at first, later on, until now, I actually...actually feel like I’m not as happy about it as I thought I was...”

She dared not continue her rambling because she could already feel the man casting a disappointed glance at her. She thought about it before quickly explaining, "I'm just feeling a little uncertain about it, Mr. Mu."

"I know that when it comes to these things, you become an idiot."

"Didn't you also go looking for Han Yifeng for a chat?" Xi Xiaye shot him a glance and said, "My original plan was just to pretend I never knew them. My parents have finally made it this far. A while back, they even went to visit Yue Lingsi. I heard that she's doing poorly and might have fallen into depression."

"Yue Lingsi did spend decades on Father. In the end, it's a stubbornness that she can't let go of. I don't know what they're feeling, but you should know that the reason Xi Xinyi and I are where we are today was because of our parents' generation. I hope that our children won't also..." Xi Xiaye mumbled her concerns again.

"That will only happen when the children are all grown up, so what are you worried about? It's not easy to get rid of hatred in one's heart. If Xi Xinyi really has her son's best interest at heart, she wouldn't involve her son into this mess. Of course, if she could reconcile with Han Yifeng and straighten up that attitude of hers, that would be best," Mu Yuchen said in a lowered tone.

Xi Xiaye then nodded and lowered her eyes and said in a slightly self-mocking tone, "Whatever happens, she's still my sister from a different mother. This reality can't be erased. I know that the reason you're willing to do all of this was also in consideration of my father, but I still hope that you'll be careful. Just because I wish it would change for the better doesn't mean it will..."

"I know what to do. Don't worry. She doesn't have any other options, really. I think that this time, when you get back, she would want to meet you. Do you know what to say?"

"Does she know that we met Han Yifeng?" Xi Xiaye immediately caught what he was saying.

Mu Yuchen nodded. "She pays very close attention to Han Yifeng's every move. She just doesn't appear hastily because she knows Han Yifeng better than any of us."

"Yeah, with someone like Han Yifeng, the more you grab onto him tightly, the more it will repel him."

“Do you still have such a strong impression of him? Why don’t I see you paying more attention to me too?” Upon hearing her say that, Mu Yuchen shot her an unhappy glance. His gaze was quite thought-provoking.

Xi Xiaye shrugged and rolled her eyes. “You’re just a wolf. You’re cold and noble like the perfect Prince Charming in front of others, but you’re actually a sly fox in private. I’m not going to argue with you since I won’t win. I think it’s almost time now. Is there anything else you want to talk about? Su Nan and Ruan Heng should be rushing over from the hotel now.”

The flight was at about half-past nine that night, so after dinner, Mu Yuchen dragged her out for a walk. He wanted to just stroll around and chat a little since it would be quite a long time before they would be able to meet again.

Mu Yuchen turned to her, facing the time displayed on the screen of the plaza wall. It showed that it was close to 8 p.m.

“There’s not much else. Take good care of yourself and the sons when you get back. If there’s anything, just call me,” he said softly with his gaze lowered as he looked at their hands tangled with each other. He thought about it and then said again, “I’ll get you a present later on.”

She turned and looked helplessly at him as she could not help but whine, “I don’t lack anything. Just come home sooner. That would be the best present for me. October’s going to pass us by really soon too. By the time you return, we’ll be reaching the end of the year. With many things to deal with at the company, there’ll probably be many things to worry about.”

He chuckled. “Do you think it’s so easy to be a high and mighty female CEO?”

“That’s why I was still hoping to be content being your Director Xi...”

“How unambitious!” he softly reprimanded, and then pulled her to get up and walk ahead. “Missus, just push through for now. Once the next two years are done, you won’t be so tired anymore.”

“I’m just kidding. I can’t bear to see you do all of it alone, and I’m not the kind of woman that needs protection compared to the lifestyle whereby women stay home while men work outside. I think it’s better to be hustling with you.”

“Is that so?” He looked at her meaningfully.

“Well, of course.”

“I remember that not too long ago, a certain someone seemed to have asked Li Si if I was having dinner with any women here.”

He looked at her amusedly. “It definitely wasn’t me...”

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The husband and wife chatted idly, and at the end of the street, Su Nan and Ruan Heng reached just in time.

Mu Yuchen personally sent the three of them to the airport himself as it was almost time to board now.

At the entrance towards the departure gate outside the VIP lounge area.

“Go in now. Remember to call me when you get home,” Mu Yuchen helped her fix her creased sleeves as he reminded her.

Xi Xiaye nodded and looked up at him for a long while. Then, she could not help but circle her arms around his waist and lean into his embrace. “I don’t want to leave you.”

“I’ll be home soon enough. Alright, quickly go in. Don’t make them wait too long now.” Mu Yuchen patted her head, and then elegantly lowered his head to plant a kiss on her lips. He hugged her tightly before pulling her out of his embrace.

As she sniffled because she felt sad about leaving, she felt like crying again. "I'll go now."

He nodded gently and smiled as he looked at her.

"You take good care of yourself too," she said before turning around to walk away, but two steps later, she turned to look at him again...