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Chapter 1341. Cold-blooded 2

He opened the folder and took out its contents. There were also several photos attached. The photos showed when he had contacted the killer along with the relevant information.

Under such unclear circumstances, Gu Qiwu would be branded as the mastermind behind Wang Qin's murder!

How did she get her hands on these?

Gu Qiwu's expression darkened and his eyes turned cold as he stared at Doris. "How did you get these?" he questioned her coldly with anger mixed into his tone.

Satisfied by Gu Qiwu's reaction, Doris grinned. "Why do you care? However, you appear to be nervous. Are you? Once I deliver these to the police, what were you thinking when you were planning this? Killing Wang Qin and framing Xi Xiaye?"

"Wang Qin's death has nothing to do with me. Don't spout nonsense! You wicked woman, don't even think about dragging me into this mess!" Gu Qiwu clenched his teeth and said.

Doris smiled and sipped her tea. "Really now? You were in contact with the killer. He kept all his records with you, and if he provides evidence of you wiring money into his account, do you really think you can get away with this? In fact, you actually hired him. You were trying to teach Mu Yuchen and Xi Xiaye a lesson, weren't you?" Doris said nonchalantly.

"How did you find out about these?" Gu Qiwu did not think that she was already aware when he set the plan in motion back then, and there was hardly anyone who knew, except...

Qi Feng!

It was him!

His name instantly popped into Gu Qiwu's mind!

Only Qi Feng knew what sort of happened. Furthermore, he heard that Doris had been having frequent meetings with Qi Feng lately. Wait...

Qi Lei!

Qi Lei had also been kidnapped along with Ah Mo!

It was not news that Qi Feng wanted to get rid of Qi Lei. Especially when Qi Qiming started to have a change of attitude towards Qi Lei, Qi Feng felt threatened. Doris must have promised some kind of deal with Qi Feng if he gave her this information. She might just get rid of Qi Lei!

Gu Qiwu's expression turned horrible as he glared at Doris coldly. "Are you working with Qi Feng now? Ganging up on me?"

"Don't put it that way! I'm just returning the favor of what you did to me. You lied to me and chased me away, stripping me off my pride, so how can I forgive you?"

"We could've ended this on a good note. Things wouldn't have come to this stage if you had fulfilled your promise, but since you're not going to let me be at peace, I'll make sure you suffer!"

Doris smashed her teacup onto the floor as she stood up and looked down at Gu Qiwu. "I'm not giving you a chance anymore. I'll disable Mu Lingmo's hands first if you still don't want to comply with my terms. I'll send his chopped off hands to Mu Lingshi and let her know you're the reason why his husband lost his hands. If that's not enough, you'll see his legs chopped off!"

"Of course, I'll make sure that this information is sent to the police as soon as possible, so think it through!" she yelled with a ferocious expression on her face!

"How dare you threaten me, Doris?!" Gu Qiwu snapped, throwing the documents onto the table and standing up as well to glare at her. "Do you want to end up like Wang Qin too?"

“You want to kill me now, hmm?” Not only was Doris not scared, but she also started laughing. “This is how it should be! I thought you really didn’t care about anything in this world. You’re afraid of being jailed and dead too, aren’t you?”

“Who do you think you are to provoke me?”

“Provoke? Do you think all of this is mere provocation? Gu Qiwu, no one has ever embarrassed me as much as you did. You’re going to pay for what you did! I want an immediate answer from you, or else, Mu Lingmo’s hands will be chopped off right this instant!” Doris’s pitch went up another notch, and her arrogant attitude made Gu Qiwu frown!

“I dare you!” Gu Qiwu smashed his teacup into tiny little pieces!

Ah Yong and Glenn, along with the other bodyguards quickly rushed in following the sound of the broken teacups.

“Boss! Are you alright?”

“Miss, are you okay?”

They barged in at the same time. Seeing the former couple standing against each other gave them a chill down their spines.

“Get out!” Gu Qiwu said coldly, “Don’t come in without my orders!”

“Glenn, leave us alone for now!” Doris was determined to get an answer from Gu Qiwu today!

They could no longer delay this matter. She would have confronted Gu Qiwu much earlier if it were not for Qi Feng’s lack of preparedness.

Naturally, Doris knew that Qi Feng was just trying to delay as long as possible.

If Gu Qiwu chose to decline her offer, she would definitely harm Mu Lingmo. Since Qi Lei was kidnapped along with him, if Mu Lingmo was killed, Qi Lei would probably end up the same way too!

That was killing two birds with one stone!

Doris knew what he was planning, but she would not just wait for him. She had to end this quickly!

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When the two of them shouted at the concerned group, the latter had no choice but to retreat!

Upon hearing the sound of the door close, Gu Qiwu picked the document on the table up and tossed it at Doris before saying harshly, "You should know that even if you have these evidence, it's not enough to convict me! Besides, I've said this before: Wang Qin's death has got nothing to do with me!"

"Whether or not it has anything to do with you will require you to explain yourself to the judge or to the police! I'm just asking you right now: shouldn't you agree to my conditions?" Doris's tone was menacing at this point, not a moment's ease.

"What if I don't agree to it?" Gu Qiwu fixed his sharp gaze on Doris.

"Do you think that you can choose not to agree to it? Do you even have a choice?" she sneered as she took her phone out from her bag, "I won't give you a chance to catch your breath. You must give me a reply by today. Otherwise, you know the kind of things I'd do."

"Huh, Doris, you're probably afraid of returning to England now, are you? Since you could do such a humiliating thing, I'm sure your family won't tolerate that and let you go back. I do feel quite sorry for you."

After they got divorced, Gu Qiwu had secretly sent for someone to investigate on Doris's situation. Once the news of the scandal reached there, Doris did not have an easy time. Even if she was powerful with tricks up her sleeves, not everyone could tolerate her. Honestly, she was worried about that, which was why she let Gu Lingsha go over. She planned on letting her father do his best to protect her daughter, at least.

“Those are just your speculations, Gu Qiwu. I’m asking you if you agree to it or not. If you sign this document as promised, then I’ll agree to stop everything I’m doing. Otherwise, I’ll get them to cripple Mu Lingmo’s hands right away, and give them to your daughter as a meeting gift!” Doris said as she started dialing a number. “Do you agree to it or not?”

Gu Qiwu started to look worse now. His sharp and sinister gaze was about to strike through her. When he saw that she already made the call, he finally could not help but shout harshly, “I dare you!”

“Why would I be afraid to do it? I’m being forced into a corner right now, so what else do I have to lose? I hate those who lie and fool me the most, Gu Qiwu. I never lose. Otherwise, I’ll make that person pay the price!” Doris said gloomily.

She had seen her own father mess with too many women all these years. Even her own mother was not excluded, so Doris used tough and malicious ways to get rid of every woman by her father’s side. She strengthened her mother’s position. In the end, none of her father’s mistresses or lovers could bear him any children, and some of them even had their reputation completely ruined or suffered disfigurement.

Doris had always had a hooting madness in her bones, which even her own father admired. If Doris had not married Gu Qiwu, she would have held a very high status in their family clan, especially now since her father was in old age. He was gradually not as strong as he wished anymore, thus he wanted her to go home and take over the family business, but this was no simple feat. If it were not for the fact that the initial successor had been harmed, this chance would not have fallen into Doris’s lap.

Nevertheless, Doris had always been ambitious, so she would not let go of such a great opportunity. She needed to return to the family clan, which that she had to divorce Gu Qiwu and return in glory so that she could dominate her position.

Otherwise, she would not have needed to take the risk.

At this point, she could not care much anymore. Once her issue with Gu Qiwu got out, she would be...

“I’m counting to three. If you still won’t agree, Mu Lingmo will lose a pair of hands. Even if you won’t consider it for yourself, you should think of your daughter. Do you want her to be the next Mu Zixi, dying of depression? You’ve already killed Mu Zixi and your son. Do you want to be ruthless to your own

daughter and son-in-law too?" Doris's sharp shouts were heard while a cold light flickered in her blue eyes, showing off her exquisite appearance, yet making her seem sinister now.

"I didn't kill them, you witch. How dare you say that!? You don't know anything!"

When this was brought up, Gu Qiwu was finally broken. He picked up the teacup before him and tossed it at her. "If you dare do anything to them, I'll guarantee that you'll end up worse than them!"

"Alright, it looks like you aren't planning on compromising now!" Doris said fiercely, "One!"

"Two!"

Before Doris could finish, Gu Qiwu already called out, "Someone! Come here and catch this witch!"

Bam!

Once Ah Yong heard the orders from outside, he immediately rushed in with his people. In the blink of an eye, five to six black-clothed bodyguards rushed in and instantly surrounded Doris.

"We'll see who dares to touch our Miss!" Doris's capable assistant instantly rushed in with people too. They whipped out their guns and pointed it right at Gu Qiwu.

"Boss! Whoever dares to touch him will be shot dead!" Ah Yong was quite quick to react too. When he saw Glenn take his gun out, his strong body whizzed by in a heartbeat and he stood by Doris. The cold muzzle of a gun was aimed right at Doris's head.

"Back off! No one touches him!" Ah Yong shouted coldly while the muzzle in his left hand was pointed at Glenn.

Glenn's expression tensed up. He held on tighter to his gun and stared at Ah Yong, then looked at Gu Qiwu again.

Nonetheless, Gu Qiwu's reaction was calm as he smiled coldly at this sight before him. He did not seem to be surprised at all. In fact, there seemed to be a sneer of disdain on his face as he put his hands behind his back and walked over to Doris.

Doris had seen plenty in her life too. Her expression remained unchanged despite being under the threat of Ah Yong's gun. Only her blue eyes shifted coldly as she fixed her gaze on Gu Qiwu who was walking towards her.

He walked over in a few large strides, and his long slender fingertips lifted Doris's chin like that of someone in a superior position. He peered down at Doris and smiled coldly. "You're very reckless. I've always respected you very much, but you keep trying to step on me! Who made you this bold?!"

"Let go of Miss. Otherwise, we won't be courteous either!" When Glenn saw that, concern flashed in his eyes, and he held onto the gun tightly and aimed it at Gu Qiwu.

Gu Qiwu ignored him while he stared coldly at Doris. "Do you know that I, Gu Qiwu, am not afraid of death? Are you not afraid too, huh?"

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The voice spoke gloomily through gritted teeth. Even Ah Yong could not help but tremble.

Ding!

At this opening, a strong light flashed past their eyes. Ah Yong and Gu Qiwu could not help but lift a hand to shield their eyes.

Bam!

Ah Yong felt a pain on his arm, and in the next instant, he noticed that his gun had been taken away. His other wrist was in excruciating pain too, then he subconsciously pushed forward.

There were only the chaotic sounds of movement.

“Don’t move!”

“I dare you! Shoot then!”

Two voices spoke up at about the same time. It was all so quick that Ah Yong did not have the time to react when both his guns were snatched away. He only quickly moved and used this moment when everyone was distracted to move to Glenn’s side and catch his wrist.

However, at this moment, Gu Qiwu and Doris were both aiming a gun at each other’s chest.

“Shoot then! Gu Qiwu, do you dare? You sanctimonious, despicable man!”

Doris’s blue eyes flickered with madness as the gun in her hand was aimed right at Gu Qiwu’s chest. “You’re not getting away if you won’t agree to my conditions today! You forced me, you lowly man! You claim you love me, but what have you given me? It’s all fake! Everything’s fake! You never loved me! I really want to bloody kill you with this gun! Kill you!”

That fierce expression of hers did not hide the hatred she felt.

“Miss Doris, Boss! Please calm down!” Their darkened expressions frightened Ah Yong, and he tried to calm them down.

“Come at me then. I’d like to see if you’re going to die first, or if Ah Mo’s hands will be crippled first! Doris, you want to gamble on your life with me? You’ve overestimated yourself! A woman like you is the true lowly fool! Are you allowed to talk to me about love? Fool! That’s right. I was just messing with you. Forget about Zixi. You’re nothing compared to a single strand of hair from those prostitutes by the streets!” Gu Qiwu sneered as he took a step forward until Doris’s gun was right on his chest. He said coldly, “Come on, shoot me! Do you dare? If I die, everything under my name will be transferred to Lingshi, my lawyer will personally handle everything, you dare to kill me?”

“You wicked man, I want to kill you! I want to kill you!”

Pa—

Bam! Bam!

With the loud and clear ring of a slap, two intense sounds of something being struck echoed. The bullet in Doris's hand had mercilessly struck the tea set in front of her. In the blink of an eye, the exquisitely beautiful tea set was instantly shattered.

"Miss!"

"Boss!"

Glenn and Ah Yong dared not say much. Instead, they quickly rushed forward and blocked their masters.

"Let go of me! I want to kill him! I want to kill him! Wicked man!" Doris could not care less about the pain on her face. She struggled hard and shouted her intention to kill Gu Qiwu.

"Let go of her! Let her come over. I'd like to see how capable she is!" Gu Qiwu stared slightly madly with his reddened eyes at Doris.

"Boss, calm down. This woman seems to have gone into insanity mode!" Ah Yong endured the pain on his wrist as he reminded.

Gu Qiwu laughed coldly and walked up without a care. Glenn, who was consoling Doris, suddenly responded and his long arm stretched to lock around Gu Qiwu's neck at the speed of light. The cruel gun in his hand was aimed at Gu Qiwu's head once again. He pushed the gun in Gu Qiwu's hand away, and it clattered to the ground.

"Don't come over!"

Dong! Dong!

“Mmmph!” Doris did not let go of this chance. She watched as Glenn locked onto Gu Qiwu, then she quickly went over and viciously punched Gu Qiwu a few times, not holding back at all!

“Retreat! Retreat!”

“If you dare hurt Boss, I’ll make sure you can’t get out of here!” Ah Yong’s expression tensed up as he looked at them gloomily and quickly picked up the gun that Gu Qiwu had kicked over to point at Doris.

“You two, protect the Miss and get her out!” Glenn’s hand that gripped the gun aimed at Gu Qiwu’s brains tightened a bit more.

“Yes!”

“I’m not leaving! Gu Qiwu, we must come to a conclusion today. If you don’t agree, I’ll send your daughter a gift right away,” Doris just said when her phone buzzed!

The few of them subconsciously looked at the phone in Doris’s hand while she quickly picked it up.

“Mmm, it’s me!” she spoke very quickly.

They did not know what the person on the other end said, but Doris’s expression only turned worse. Towards the end, that exquisite face of hers was beyond gloomy.

Before Glenn could react, Doris had already hung up and her fists were clenched!

“Miss, what’s wrong?” Glenn keenly noticed that something was not right with Doris, so he quickly asked softly with concern.

She fell silent for a moment and looked sharply at Gu Qiwu as she gritted her teeth. “Get them to do as the plan says! Gu Qiwu, if I can’t do well, you can’t either! Let’s go!” she said, and then walked out first.

“Stop them! What do you think my Gu residence is that you can come and go as you wish?” Gu Qiwu struggled for a bit, then ordered Ah Yong boldly.

“You want to trap us here?” Doris could immediately see through Gu Qiwu’s motives, so she smiled nonchalantly. “I’d advise you not to waste your time. As long as I don’t return to the hotel room by 4 a.m. today, these things will be automatically sent to the police station! In fact, Mu Lingmo might lose more than just his pair of hands...”

“Stop them!”

“Who dares to come?! I’ll kill you with one shot!” Glenn unlocked the trigger and said coldly, “Mr. Gu, your life is in my hands. Don’t you want to live?”

“Boss!” The rest could not help but exclaim worriedly.

“Let’s go!”

“Scram!”

With Glenn aiming a gun at his head, Gu Qiwu was pushed out of the study room as well.

“They won’t dare to shoot. Stop them!”

Bam!

“Watch to see if I dare to or not!”

As soon as Gu Qiwu said that, Doris fired at his flank, and he could even feel clearly when the bullet passed through the hem of his shirt...

Shocked, Ah Yong quickly moved asides, forced to make way...

Chapter 1344. Comradeship 1

Outside the Gu residence, Gu Qiwu crossed his arms under the cold rain in the morning. It was freezing outside.

“Boss, are we just going to let them go? They mentioned something about evidence just now...” Ah Yong just watched as Doris left, appearing worried. “Doris’s phone call just now was odd. You saw how her expression instantly changed!”

Gu Qiwu looked in the direction where the car left without saying anything. He did not seem like he was cold despite just wearing a sleeping robe in the chilly weather.

Ah Yong did not say anything else when he noticed Gu Qiwu’s expression darken. Gu Qiwu turned and went back into the house as he said, “Call Mu Yuchen’s assistant right away. Something good must have happened on Mu Lingmo and Qi Lei’s end. Also, tell him to protect me no matter what. He won’t have it easy if I’m imprisoned. Moreover, I’ve done my part of the deal, and he needs to recognize that Lingshi is a child of the Gu family.”

“Boss...” Ah Yong was taken aback.

“Just do what I say! We have to stop Doris’s plan immediately. That crazy woman will do anything out of desperation!” Gu Qiwu said coldly before vanishing out of the doorway.

“Yes, Boss!”

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The next morning, Mu Yuchen woke up early as usual. He prepared breakfast for the whole family.

It was quiet downstairs when Xi Xiaye came down. She looked around and saw the man reading the newspaper on the sofa.

“Why is it so quiet? Where are Father, Mother, and Grandfather?”

The elders in the family had a habit of waking up early, thus Xi Xiaye found it odd to not see them at this time.

The man averted his gaze to her when he heard her voice. He put the papers away and waved his hand at her. "Christmas is coming soon, so they brought our son to go shopping. Grandfather went to see Elder Su, and they won't be home for lunch. Is Lingshi still asleep?"

Xi Xiaye went near and sat down beside him. "Mmm, she slept pretty late last night. Let her rest for now."

Mu Yuchen put an arm around her shoulder before gently kissing her lips. "I'm heading over to the site at South River today. Do you want to come along?"

She nodded. "I wanted to take a look there as well. Vice President Zhang Lan told me that the first phase is reaching the end soon, but..."

Before she could finish her sentence, Mu Yuchen's phone started ringing. The two of them looked over and noticed Li Si's name flashing on the screen. Mu Yuchen put the newspaper away and picked up the call.

"Hello? Master?" Li Si's voice sounded anxious. "Big news!"

"Hmm?" Mu Yuchen gave a brief reply.

Li Si then continued, "Gu Qiwu's assistant, Ah Yong, called me at 3 a.m. this morning! Doris brought her subordinates over to the Gu residence to have a discussion with Gu Qiwu..." He briefly informed Mu Yuchen what happened over at Gu Qiwu's place.

Mu Yuchen's eyes turned cold slowly. "How did Doris get that evidence?" he squinted his eyes and asked coldly. Then, he let go of Xi Xiaye and started drinking the tea he had just brewed slowly while the light in his eyes was flickering. He seemed to have a lot on his mind at the moment.

“Gu Qiwu guessed that Qi Feng must have provided her with the information. Only Qi Feng knew what Gu Qiwu did at that time. However, Gu Qiwu said he swore on his dignity that he didn’t order the killer to kill Wang Qin. He just wanted Missus to be holding the knife when the lights returned. He didn’t expect the killer to actually kill Wang Qin!” Li Si’s tone of voice sounded doubtful as he found the whole situation odd as well.

“Dignity?” Mu Yuchen had a cold grin when he heard those words. “Does he even have that?”

“Certainly not! However, after I analyzed a little, it’s not very likely that was Gu Qiwu’s intentions. The killer either made a mistake, or there was some other intention behind it.”

Li Si offered his own thoughts, “By the way, Gu Qiwu said he can agree to your terms, but he wishes for Miss Lingshi to return to the Gu family.”

“What terms? Gu Qiwu is full of himself. It’s Lingshi’s decision to make whether she wants to return to the Gu family. I won’t interfere with her decision making, but I can’t help with that. As for the rest, I’m willing to cooperate. I’m looking forward to his reaction when the truth about six years ago is revealed.”

“Yes, Master! Master, I found out that Inspector Zhang’s flight will be back in City Z in the afternoon in three days. I suppose he already has what we want. I’ve sent someone to keep an eye on the car workshop owner. He rarely goes out, so it shouldn’t be difficult for us to keep him under control.”

“Be cautious about his safety. I’m sure Doris must’ve noticed something going on behind her back already.”

“Yes, Master! We’ll be able to reveal the truth once we get the evidence! I’m sure Master Lingtian will be able to truly rest in peace by then.”

Mu Yuchen did not reply to Li Si. He was taken aback for a moment, so he closed his eyes for some time before replying, “I’ll leave the rest in your hands.” Then, he put the teacup down before hanging up.

“Stop frowning. It’s good news, after all.” Xi Xiaye pulled at his arm a little when she saw him frowning.

He did not move an inch and just let her pull his hand around as he gazed into her eyes with his dreamy, starry eyes. He stared at her for a moment before saying, "You're pretty considerate to help Lingshi out even when you know I'm troubled, huh? Come home and sleep with me tonight."

He could not abstain anymore ever since he married her...

"Can your head think of something else? It's early in the morning! You're getting more and more vulgar. What happened to the old you?" Xi Xiaye slapped his paws before throwing him a disgusted stare!

Mu Yuchen looked calm as usual as he got up together with her and walked towards the dining table with her. "You're overthinking. I wasn't thinking of anything."

"I'm not believing that. Why don't you prove yourself by abstaining for a month or two?" Xi Xiaye looked back and squinted at him with a grin just to provoke him.

Mu Yuchen's expression darkened. He quickly pulled out a chair for her to sit down. "Just pretend I didn't say anything just now. Please don't do that!"

Xi Xiaye chuckled when she saw his reaction. "You're annoying!"

"I'm not. I'm being respectful of you. Come on and eat up now. There are a lot of things to do today, and I need to be at the police station this afternoon too." Mu Yuchen added a fried egg onto her plate.

Xi Xiaye was enjoying the service she was being provided. "About Gu Qiwu?"

He nodded. "Mmm, Gu Qiwu can't fall yet for Ah Mo's sake, or else, he would just be doing Doris a favor."

"Doris is truly a wicked woman! Fortunately, you were smart back then. Otherwise, you would've become her son-in-law already."

"You ought to learn from my wisdom."

“Look at you, acting all cheeky. I think there is some narcissistic gene in the Mu family bloodline. Our son acts just like you now whenever he’s given a compliment! As expected of father and son.”

“What’s wrong with being smart?”

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The rain continued throughout the night, and it was wet everywhere on the road.

As the car went through bumpy mountainous roads, Qi Lei felt dizzy from all the rocking he experienced. Although he felt like his strength was all drained, he still tried his best to hang on. Yang Sheng’s fever went down slightly after the night, but he was still pretty weak, and the bumpy mountain roads did not help.

The car’s petrol was depleted by the time morning came, so the three of them continued their journey on foot.

Fortunately, they were not pursued, or else, they could not have escaped.

Ah Mo carried Yang Sheng on his back as they walked through the muddy mountain path. Qi Lei followed behind and covered his injured arm. All of them looked horrendous with mud all over them.

It was even a first for Ah Mo to feel this humiliated! He swore to himself that he would make these scumbags pay for it!

“Damn it! Where is this place?! We can’t even find a residential area after driving for a whole night. I’m so tired!” Qi Lei complained as he wiped the droplets off his face. He could not even tell whether that was his sweat or rainwater.

Ah Mo turned around and noticed that his expression was pale. He looked like he was about to get sick, much to Ah Mo’s worry.

They needed to find a place to settle down; he had no capacity to take care of two patients!

Qi Lei was obviously suffering from excessive hemorrhaging. If this situation continued, there was no guarantee of whether he could return to City Z alive.

After Ah Mo and Qi Lei had taken turns carrying him for some time now, Yang Sheng suddenly said while he was on Ah Mo's back, "Master Qi, Ah Mo, I'm sorry. I'm being a burden right now. It doesn't seem like we'll be able to rest anytime soon. Please let me down and stop letting me be a burden. Perhaps the two of you can still get out. Just leave me..."

He thought that situations like this would only happen in television drama series or fiction. Who would have known that it would actually happen to them? Yang Sheng was touched when Qi Lei and Ah Mo did not abandon him. However, he felt really guilty hindering them right now.

"Don't spout nonsense. Save your breath," Qi Lei said.

Ah Mo took a deep breath and paused for a moment, "Don't say that. We'll be able to get out together, and there should be a village nearby after walking this far. I'll never abandon my brothers and comrades. Moreover, the two of you are my brother's friends. I won't be able to face my brother if I return to City Z myself."

He then clenched his teeth and continued moving forward.

"This is nothing. Back then, when Master, Master Su, and Master Mo just joined the military, their training in the jungle was much harsher. Master Qi, it's not all bad, to be honest. At least, we got something in return, yes?" Ah Mo sounded happy.

"I'm not like your Master. I just want to leave this damned place as soon as possible."

While Qi Lei was tired, he had to admit that Ah Mo's words were right. He was really impressed by Ah Mo's abilities on their way here. Qi Lei was a humble person, especially towards those whom he respected.

“For sure we’ll be able to leave. Take a look there.” Ah Mo let out a sigh of relief.

Qi Lei was stunned for a moment before looking in the direction Ah Mo pointed at.

Chapter 1346. Comradeship 3

Bare ground greeted their sight, and straight ahead, they could see a lump of something dark on the side like some sort of haystack?

Qi Lei squinted to look, and in an instant, his eyes suddenly lit up while a smile spread across his pale face!

“This is the corn stalk haystack that villages gather. That means someone must have farmed on this land, so there must be households nearby!” Ah Mo thought that Qi Lei did not understand, so he explained.

Upon hearing that, Qi Lei’s eyes flashed with joy. He quickly said, “Yes! There must be households nearby! What are we waiting for then? It should be this road ahead. Let’s go quickly!”

Ah Mo responded, and quickened his steps...

Indeed, about two kilometers ahead, they saw more than ten low-rise wooden houses that were far and few in between...

“There are households! Ah Mo, look!” Qi Lei was relieved as he pointed at the village ahead.

“Let’s go then! We’ll see if there’s a doctor to treat the two of you first.”

“Let’s go!”

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“What did you say? They escaped? Eight people couldn’t even watch over three cold and hungry people?”

Inside the luxurious hotel, Doris listened to the black-clothed man beside Glenn report to her while her face was gathered with a reckless layer of stormy expression as she coldly looked at the man before him.

“Sorry, Miss, the rain was too heavy. In fact, they set things on fire and tied our people up, so we could only save our people first, and based on the whole situation, they had planned this way in advanced. They remembered the courtyard’s layout very well, and they...”

“Enough! I don’t want to hear any more excuses. I’m just asking you where they are right now. Where are Mu Lingmo and Qi Lei? Have you caught them yet?” Doris put out the cigarette in her hand and clenched her teeth as she said gloomily.

“Our people have gone out to chase them. However...we lost them, but, Miss, don’t worry. We’ve already sent out more people. The terrain in that area is complicated. In fact, we’ve gone deep into the mountains, and the car won’t be able to last for long, so it must be very hard for them to get out. Our people are familiar with the terrain. Plus, they don’t have any communication tools on them, so I’m sure they won’t be able to get out. Give us a bit more time. We’ll definitely catch them!” the man in black said a little worriedly and uneasily. When he saw Doris’ cold gaze about to burst into a fury, he was slightly afraid.

“Your capabilities are getting worse! If you can’t even handle this one little thing, why should I keep you? Useless! All of you are useless! Get out!”

Doris picked up the cup on the table and tossed it hard to the ground, frightening the man until he quickly knelt to beg, “Miss, please don’t be angry. Give us one more chance. We will definitely catch them again! Don’t worry!”

“Miss, actually, you can’t blame them entirely for this. They have to face Mu Lingmo and Qi Lei. Those two aren’t easy characters to deal with. Otherwise, Qi Feng wouldn’t have tossed this to you to do. We cannot be a mess because of this matter. We must speed up our actions.”

Glenn was Doris’s capable assistant, it would not be wrong to call him her strategist since many of the plans required his opinions as a reference too.

Thus, when Glenn said that, Doris calmed down slightly and looked coldly at the black-clothed man who suddenly knelt before her. She said coldly, "Get up. Get someone to search for their traces. Block every road entrance. We can't let them get away."

When the man in black heard that, he felt relieved. He did not say anything much. He only responded shortly before leaving, "Yes, Miss!"

Only Glenn and Doris were left in the room now. It instantly fell quiet, and the air subconsciously felt heavier.

After a while, Doris pointed at the sofa across and said to Glenn as she picked up a cigarette box, "You sit down too." She lit a stick up herself and took a deep breath. Amidst the smoke, Glenn sat down too.

"Miss, you need to be more careful. Your health's been deteriorating recently."

Doris leaned back and fell onto the sofa behind her while she let out a drag of smoke, and said with some frustration, "This isn't as simple as it seems. If Qi Feng pushed all of these to me, I'm sure that means he's also all prepared. Everything from before will go on as planned, and now, suddenly with all these new things popping up, we're being obstructed once again."

At this, she suddenly inhaled and relaxed a while, then she continued, "Glenn, I suddenly feel like this seems to be slowly getting off track. Why would Mu Yuchen suddenly come back? In this past month, it was because we've been playing hide and seek with him that our time got dragged on. Gu Qiwu's playing guerrilla warfare with me now too."

The longer this dragged out, the less it was looking up for them. Look, now something had happened.

Doris combed through her hair with her fingers and could not help but laugh bitterly. "You know what I'm most thankful for right now?"

"Miss..." Glenn called out softly, thought about it then said, "You..."

“The thing I’m most thankful for is that I didn’t confuse myself because of Gu Qiwu, that I wasn’t as dumb as Mu Zi was all those years ago. I’ve been married to him for so many years. Of course, there were good times, but I never lowered my guard as I didn’t want to end up the way my mother did.” Doris sighed softly, cleared her throat, and then flicked the cigarette between her fingers. “This all just proves that I was right to do that. Otherwise, today, I could’ve become the second Mu Zi.”

“Miss, you’re beautiful and elegant. You can’t be compared to Mu Zi. Miss, you shouldn’t sell yourself short,” Glenn could not bear to hear Doris say this, so he consoled her.

“I know how I am. Since we’ve reached this point, we have to take our time making decisions. On the one hand, we should hasten our plans. We can’t let Mu Yuchen and Gu Qiwu find out that Mu Lingmo and Qi Lei are no longer in our hands. Also, the other thing needs to be considered thoroughly too. We have to prepare to retreat. If anything happens, we’ll be a mess! We must find the three of them again. We have to do something about Gu Qiwu and Mu Lingshi right away!”

Chapter 1347. Comradeship 4

When Doris said that, Glenn was in agreement. “Yes, Miss, don’t worry, I will arrange for that. However, on Qi Feng’s end...”

Glenn was unhappy with Qi Feng. He just wanted to wait for the fruits of victory instead of putting in too much effort, just as how he had got ten Morrison to send those details about Gu Qiwu over. Clearly, he was intentionally stalling for time. He must probably be planning on letting Qi Lei suffer longer...

Qi Kai would be having their shareholders meeting after the New Year, and Qi Qiming was already planning on handing his authority over. Qi Feng must be planning on letting Qi Lei out after this was done.

Doris and Glenn knew his motives very well!

“Qi Feng’s very sly. Someone like him is actually just perfect as a high-level advisor and isn’t suitable as someone in power or a decision-maker. If you compare them, he’ll lose to Mu Yuchen by miles. Even if he wants to push Qi Lei aside, would Mu Yuchen just sit there? Aren’t we being taken advantage of this time?”

When Qi Feng was brought up, Doris’s blue eyes could not hide her disdain. “He’s just an illegitimate son. If it were not for Shasha’s sake, I wouldn’t even want to look at someone like him. If we’re going to

compare, Qi Lei must be stronger than he is. If you don't believe me, then you can just watch. This time, if Qi Lei manages to get lucky and escape, once he comes back, good fortune will definitely rain on him," Doris said carefully.

Glenn nodded, agreeing with this, "That's right, especially Qi Qiming's attitude towards Qi Lei right now. Qi Feng could long sense the crisis at hand. Otherwise, someone as reserved as him wouldn't appear so uneasy."

"Huh, as for Qi Feng, right now, we have to work with him, but we can't let our guard down either, just in case they bite us back when the time comes. Also, Shasha's feeling towards him is one of his trump cards too." Doris's eyes were filled with sharpness. Her gaze seemed to be able to see through Glenn's eyes and see into his heart.

"Worry about this a little more right now. When we get back to England, I'll help you get your wish. After all, you've been with me for so many years, so I won't let you suffer," she promised.

"Miss, you're being too serious now. I'm just doing my part."

Doris nodded and waved at him. She could not help but say while feeling slightly tired, "Go down first. I'm a little tired, and I want to rest alone for a bit."

"Alright, Miss, please don't be too worried. It'll all work out when the time comes!" Glenn advised, then left.

At this moment, the sky outside was already bright, and it was going to be noon soon.

Glenn had just walked out of the room when the black-clothed man before him walked over to update him, "Mr. Glenn, earlier, a Mr. Morrison called. He said that he wants to meet Miss Doris and have dinner with our First Master Qi. Do you think..."

First Master Qi?

Qi Feng?

When Glenn heard that, a cold smile flitted across his mouth. He thought about it, then nodded. "Tell him I'll be there. Let him decide on the time and venue," he said before walking away in huge strides.

"Yes, Mr. Glenn!" the person responded, and then made way.

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Close to noon, the rain began to slow down to a drizzle, and the winds were not that strong either. The entire city was much quieter than usual, especially right now by the South River.

The black Phaeton slowly stopped at the parking spot by the river. Li Si quickly opened the car door in front, and then held a large black umbrella to walk to the car behind.

"Master, Missus, we're here!"

Then, he respectfully opened the door.

Mu Yuchen got down from the car in his usual cool manner while Li Si quickly put the umbrella over him. Mu Yuchen already turned to reach into the car as Xi Xiaye swiftly put her cold hands onto his palms and slowly got down from the car.

When he saw Xi Xiaye staggering and then steadying herself, he immediately frowned and looked at the heels on her feet. "Be careful. It's a little slippery. Didn't I just get you two pairs of flats recently?"

She held his arm and said, "I'm feeling a little pressured from your height just by standing beside you."

"Men feel stressed out when women are too tall, so that is good." He turned to squint at her with a faint smile.

Upon hearing that, Xi Xiaye was immediately a little smug. She quickly leaned gently against him and laughed softly. "Is that true? Does this make you feel like I'm a little bird relying on you?"

When Mu Yuchen heard that, he looked at her, and then saw her red outfit. He thought about it, then said in a lowered voice, "More like a red fox or a giant bird. I'll let you choose between the two."

"A little bird relying on a pig!" She turned poker and shot him a cold stare.

"Alright, little bird it is then. Let's go."

When he saw that she was annoyed, Mu Yuchen merely chuckled as he put his arms around her and practically held all of her underneath his coat while his other hand took the umbrella from Li Si before they walked down the stairs.

Xi Xiaye knew to not overdo it either. She followed him down the stairs as she said, "It's not quite suitable for work to be ongoing right now since it's going to be the end of the year soon. When the time comes, let them go home sooner for the holidays. It'll be more convenient too. Otherwise, when the peak season during spring comes, they might not be able to rush back. The other day, I've reminded VP Zhang Lan that when the time comes, issue their salaries a few days earlier, and let everyone have a good New Year this year. Right, it's time you chase after those larger debts you've got outside too, or else, when the second phase is on the agenda after the New Year, I'm worried that the cash flow will be a little tight. I've just shifted some funds from your end to make up for the materials."

Even though Xi Xiaye did not hold a position at Glory World, she was quite aware of many things in the company, especially for the South River Project. To other people, she still held the position of Planning Director at Glory World, and Zhang Lan would frequently share about the South River Project with her too, especially in recent times when Mu Yuchen had not been managing company matters.

"You decide on it then. If it's not enough, then get it from the card." He was fine with anything. She was well aware of his assets anyway, and she was capable of managing the finances.

She looked at him and could not help but tease, "Aren't you worried about letting me manage your private reserves? Aren't you afraid I'll run off with it?"

Mu Yuchen looked unfettered. "I'll give it all to you. Are you sleeping in our room tonight?"

“Wow, you know how to throw money away recklessly now! Is this the prelude to becoming bad?” Xi Xiaye smiled as her beautiful eyes brimmed with a faint warmth.

Chapter 1348. Coincidence 1

“I’m only generous when it comes to you.” He glanced at her and said, “My parents are resting these two days. Give them a break and we’ll head back to Maple Residence tonight. I’ll fetch you after work later in the evening.”

“Didn’t we...?” Xi Xiaye frowned.

“Lingshi wants to know about Ah Mo’s situation every day.”

Xi Xiaye understood things from just that one sentence, so she nodded. “Alright then, but I’m visiting my parents at University A tonight.”

His expression darkened when Ah Mo was brought up, so Xi Xiaye quickly changed the topic back to work. “By the way, I’ve given my sign of approval for the materials that arrived a while ago. I told Vice President Zhang Lan to explain to you. Remember to check if there are any problems.”

“I haven’t looked at it yet, but it should be fine,” he replied.

“Mmm, it was stuck at Chief Sun’s side for several days. I’ll look for some time to establish a good relationship with them, or else, we’ll suffer in the long run! Fortunately, Vice President Wen and Manager Liu are here to save the day,” Xi Xiaye said.

“Don’t worry. Let me handle it if there’s anything. It’s fine to have a few days of delay. Prioritize being cautious.”

He held her hand and continued forward.

“Christmas is coming soon. Su Nan still has to work on another fashion show despite this weather,” Xi Xiaye looked over the misty lake surface as she said.

“The forecast said it’ll be sunny tomorrow afternoon, so don’t worry.”

“It’ll take quite a few days to return to the usual weather. The issue of accumulated water here is pretty severe. I got Qi Lei to take a look at the proposal done by your side before, and he said we could use the water drainage system.” Qi Lei’s face appeared in her mind when she spoke about him. “I wonder how they’re doing right now. Why haven’t we gotten any news by now?”

“If they are being hidden on purpose, it’ll be like searching for a needle in the vast sea. I’m sure they can prioritize saving themselves.” Mu Yuchen was calm because from Li Si’s report this morning, he had a hunch...

“I hope they can get back soon. Besides, we can’t let the perpetrator go unpunished. I keep thinking of the photos every time I go to sleep the past few days...”

“It won’t be long. Don’t worry, alright?”

She took a deep breath and nodded at him.

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The rain slowed down in the afternoon, and it seemed like it was going to be sunny soon.

Ah Mo carefully opened the door and went inside the room with a glass of warm water.

Inside the dimly-lit wooden house, Qi Lei was sitting on an old sofa as the doctor was cleaning his wounds. Technically, the man was the only person in the small village who had some medical knowledge. He was roughly 40 years old and seemed to be a strong middle-aged man.

His tone was heavy with a dialect as he advised, “Don’t come into contact with water. The wounds will be difficult to heal due to the weather right now, so be careful. You’ve lost too much blood, and it’s best you rest for a few days.”

Qi Lei nodded gratefully. "Thank you, Uncle Chen!"

"How are you feeling?" Ah Mo moved over and asked.

"I'm fine, but his condition is a little dire. Let's rest here for two days. We'll find ways to contact the others." As Qi Lei endured the sharp pain when his wound was being cleaned, he glanced over at the bed on which Yang Sheng was sleeping on right now.

Uncle Chen had gotten all of them clean clothing to change into, and they were much more comfortable than they had been in their muddy clothes.

"I took a look around the area just now. It's pretty hidden. I pushed the car down the mountain valley, so it won't be easy for them to locate us. We can make plans once your injury gets better in a few days," Ah Mo sat down beside Qi Lei and said.

Uncle Chen noticed that they were not particularly secretive around him, so he asked, "The signal isn't really good here, thus communication might be difficult. You youngsters don't look like bad people to me. Are there people trying to harm you?"

"Just some conflict about work. Sorry for troubling you!" Qi Lei smiled. He suddenly took off the ring on his finger and looked at it for a while before handing it over to Uncle Chen. "Uncle Chen, we literally have nothing else with us. While this ring might not be much, please take this as a token of appreciation for saving our lives."

Uncle Chen knew his stuff, so he hesitated for a moment before glancing at them.

"Keep it. I'm afraid we'll be troubling you in the next few days!" Qi Lei put the ring into his hand. The three of them had no valuables with them, and they could not even afford a simple meal.

"Alright, don't worry. You lot are my guests, so please help yourselves." Uncle Chen kept the ring while Qi Lei shot several glances at it before finally lowering his head.

"Rest well. I'll go and whip up something to eat in the kitchen!"

Uncle Chen finished bandaging Qi Lei's wound before leaving.

"Thank you!"

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Ah Mo looked at Qi Lei after Uncle Chen left. He then asked, "Does that ring mean a lot to you?"

Qi Lei smiled and shook his head. "Not really, my mother gave it to me as a birthday present. She likes jewelry a lot and would give me some at times, but she's already gone now, and I should learn to let go of the past," he spoke calmly.

"CEO Wang is someone who deserves to be respected. Master once said that she's one heck of a businesswoman." Ah Mo was not sure how he could comfort him, so he patted the back of Qi Lei's hand.

Qi Lei had a peaceful smile on his face. "It's all in the past now."

"True, but I believe I can see hints of her in the future you."

Chapter 1349. Coincidence 2

It might be stating the obvious, but a person's social circle held great influence over someone's life.

Two years ago, Qi Lei could probably describe his life as being crazy, wild, and carefree. He was not living any differently than the other descendants from rich families who just fooled around all day long.

However, ever since he got involved with Xi Xiaye and Mu Yuchen, Qi Lei realized he had wasted so much time of his life before...

His life views, values, and habits had changed drastically. He felt even more different from the woman whom he was impressed with, Dongfang Liuyun!

Right...

Dongfang Liuyun...

That woman felt like an otherworldly wiseman. She could easily encourage people with a few words, just like the story she told him, and the time she brought him to the plaza to listen to the song.

For some reason, Qi Lei's heart softened when he thought about her.

Mysterious strength coursed through that woman. Unlike Xi Xiaye's quiet personality, she felt more like a straightforward gale...

"What are you thinking about?" Ah Mo noticed that Qi Lei was deep in thought and only came back to his senses after being called several times!

"What's wrong?" Qi Lei looked at Ah Mo.

"What are you thinking about? I called you several times and you didn't respond," Ah Mo raised his eyebrows and asked.

Qi Lei took a deep breath and shrugged. "Nothing really. Just thinking about when we'll be able to leave this place!"

"I've tried to make calls, but the signal here is really bad during rainy weather. Most of the young people in the village went to work in the city while the villagers here are mainly old people and children. We'll ask Uncle Chen for help again when the weather gets better. By the way, the children go to school somewhere around 10 kilometers away. We can try to contact my Master from there as well."

"I'll leave that to you. I'm pretty tired now and need to rest." Qi Lei was truly exhausted.

"Alright then. Take care of Yang Sheng too. Leave the rest to me," Ah Mo said.

“Thank you.”

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While Dongfang Liuyun was being missed, she was not having an easy time on her own.

She had visited Africa with an archaeology team from City C on a month-long trip. She looked much slimmer than before. Fortunately, her skin was not too tanned from all the outdoor exploration.

The sky was getting dark, and the streetlamps had already been powered up.

A black car went past the city gate and slowly drove into the city center. There was a lady in a black outfit casually driving the car around.

The car went past the busy streets and parked right outside a restaurant nearby University A.

“One honey-roasted duck, one boiled beef, crispy chicken, and two vegetable dishes. Also, give me two iced beers!” Dongfang Liuyun put her bag aside and just ordered without even looking at the menu.

“Noted. Please wait for a moment!”

There were a lot of people at the restaurant as it was near dinner time.

Dongfang Liuyun gave the female stall owner a smile before reading the newspaper on the table.

Her food was delivered 10 minutes later. After pouring herself a glass of beer, her eyes were still fixed on the papers when she saw a familiar face. She started frowning.

Qi Lei?

Kidnapped?

Situation unknown?

Stunned, Dongfang Liuyun came back to her senses moments later and emptied her glass. She hesitated for a while before dialing a number, but it did not go through.

What happened?

As she tried to calm herself down and put the papers away, she grabbed a pair of chopsticks and quietly ate her dinner.

“Ms. Dongfang, it really is you.”

Dongfang Liuyun looked up when she heard her name. Xi Xiaye and Mu Yuchen appeared before her eyes.

The two of them were about to visit Xi Mushan and Shen Wenna, but Shen Wenna had a night class just now, so they decided to have dinner somewhere nearby after the class since it was late.

The restaurant looked pretty decent. If Xi Mushan and Shen Wenna decided not to cook, they would usually dine in the university canteen or here.

While Xi Xiaye was not particularly close with Dongfang Liuyun, she knew that Dongfang Liuyun was a frequent contact of Mu Yinan and Wang Hui. They had also met several times before this, and her impression of Dongfang Liuyun was positive.

“Ms. Dongfang, what a coincidence!” Xi Mushan smiled.

Dongfang Liuyun returned the smile. “Principal Xi, Ms. Shen, Master Mu, Mrs. Mu...if you don’t mind, please sit over here.” She greeted them and made space before calling the stall owner over to add some dishes.

Xi Xiaye glanced at Mu Yuchen before taking her offer.

Xi Xiaye sat beside Dongfang Liuyun. She then saw the newspaper that she had left aside just now. “Ms. Dongfang, I heard that you—”

“Liuyun, you can just call me Liuyun,” Dongfang Liuyun interrupted before Xi Xiaye could finish her sentence. “We’re pretty close, after all, so I don’t mind the informalities.”

“Right, Liuyun.” Xi Xiaye smiled.

“How is he doing? I know he’s pretty close with the two of you. I’ve been abroad lately and only found out about this today.” Dongfang Liuyun glanced at the newspaper.

“We still can’t find him yet, so...” Xi Xiaye put on a bitter smile and looked at the man beside her.

Dongfang Liuyun filled up the empty glasses for them. “Will these do? Maybe I should order some wine. Boss, please give us two bottles of wine.”

The stall owner quickly served the wine, and Dongfang Liuyun prepared new glasses for them.

Chapter 1350. Coincidence 3

Dongfang Liuyun was a casual and calm person. That was Xi Xiaye’s impression of her.

Xi Mushan and Shen Wenna were pretty comfortable around her, and they have had dinner with her in the university canteen before.

Mu Yuchen just ate his food quietly. Xi Xiaye sensed that he had something on his mind, but she did not bother asking as it did not feel like the appropriate moment to ask.

Xi Mushan talked about work with Dongfang Liuyun while Shen Wenna sometimes joined their conversation.

Sometime later, Xi Xiaye asked out of curiosity, "Liuyun, are you close to Qi Lei?"

Dongfang Liuyun paused for a moment. She glanced at Xi Xiaye and smiled. Then, she emptied her glass before replying, "He's my drinking mate. We also play games together sometimes. I'd say we're considered friends. Why did something like this suddenly happen to him?"

She refilled Mu Yuchen and Xi Xiaye's glasses.

"It's a long story, but thanks for the concern." Xi Xiaye seemed worried as she glanced at the man beside her. She had been really worried this whole while, especially regarding Lingshi...

Dongfang Liuyun continued to drink, ignoring the slightly judgmental stare from Mu Yuchen. "He's a determined person, so you don't have to worry about him. He's lucky to have friends to be this concerned about him. I can tell from our conversations that he has a lot of trust in both of you," she disclosed.

Mu Yuchen and Xi Xiaye traded glances. Mu Yuchen then joined in the conversation. "He mentioned us to you?"

The 'us' being Xi Xiaye and him.

Dongfang Liuyun frowned slightly and emptied her glass again. "I doubt he has that many friends anyway. I'm sure you guys will find him soon." She refilled her glass and then said, "I still have some work to be done. I'll be leaving after this drink."

Xi Xiaye was stunned for a moment before nodding.

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What a deep and mysterious woman.

On the way back, Xi Xiaye could not get Dongfang Liuyun's beautiful face out of her mind. She did not even react after her man called out to her several times.

"Xiaye!" He raised his voice slightly and stunned Xi Xiaye a little. Instantly, she came back to her senses.

"Hmm?" She turned towards him and asked, "What's wrong?"

"What were you thinking about? I've been calling you several times," he frowned as he asked her with concern.

Xi Xiaye shook her head. "Nothing much. I just felt that there's something mysterious about Dongfang Liuyun. Do you know anything about her? I heard a little from Grandfather. She apparently has quite a background."

"Quite a background? I know Grandfather has an eye for her, but the Mu family doesn't really have many business tradings with her, so I don't know her that well." Mu Yuchen hardly had any interest in others, especially women.

Xi Xiaye rolled her eyes at him. "You're always like this, forever ignorant of others."

"I can't even take care of everything in our family. How do you expect me to mind other's businesses?"

"True enough. By the way, what were you thinking about just now? You seem to have a lot on your mind..."

Before Xi Xiaye could finish, Mu Yuchen's phone started ringing. He frowned before quickly answering the call.

"Master, we found Bro Mo's trail..." It was Ah Bao's voice.

Mu Yuchen's fists were clenched as he squinted his eyes. "Where are they?"

“They entered the mountains area in City D about 10 days ago. I checked the security cameras near the entrance and didn’t see them leaving. I’m guessing that they were brought deep inside the mountain area.”

“Find them no matter what,” Mu Yuchen gave his orders.

“Yes, Master!” Ah Bao replied.

Mu Yuchen hung up on the call and dialed Zhou Zimo’s number right after that.

Xi Xiaye did not say anything and just listened quietly to his conversation with Zhou Zimo. Although she might not understand everything he wanted to do, she could grasp that it had something to do with Doris, and he mentioned the UK as well.

Actually, Xi Xiaye did not know very much about Doris, and Mu Yuchen did not want her to worry. She hardly asked about what happened between them.

“Is Zimo doing alright now?” Xi Xiaye asked.

“He’s fine. Don’t worry.” He took a deep breath and let out a sigh before turning around and looking out of the window.

The atmosphere inside the car quieted down.

Xi Xiaye asked, “Are the people that are going against you two related to Doris? Her network is way too wide, isn’t it?”

“She’s just trying to distract us. I’m sure she’s planned this for a long time. Doris wants to return to the UK and take over her father’s position, but she was still not capable given her current power, especially after the previous exposure. Her family’s reputation was damaged, so it’s impossible for her to have reached that position without some contribution,” Mu Yuchen briefly explained to Xi Xiaye.

Xi Xiaye nodded quietly.

“Doris is very skilled at using other people. If it wasn’t for Ah Bao’s intel, we might be suffering from a hard blow right now.”

“Do you mean exposing the fact Doris was pregnant and then miscarried during Gu Lingsha and Qi Feng’s wedding?” Xi Xiaye’s eyes widened as she looked at Mu Yuchen.

With a nod, Mu Yuchen pinched the space between his eyebrows and said, “It’d be wrong to assume that she only relies on Gu Qiwu. Remember that I told you before Ah Bo found something interesting?”

“Doris was the one who set Zimo up...”