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It was not difficult to sense the hint of joy in Su Chen's voice. No news could sound more pleasing to his ears than this. "I just got news from the city police station. His criminal evidence is solid. Captain Wang will arrest him by himself, but he has a gun, so I hope he'll not fight back."...

"Okay, I got it, thanks," Mu Yuchen did not give a huge reaction as he replied faintly before hanging up the phone.

Su Chen, who was on the other end of the phone call, could naturally sense that and quickly said, "Wait, don't hang up first. Why don't I hear the joy in your words? Qi Feng is finished. Shouldn't you be over the moon?"

"I'm happy about it. Let's go out for a drink tomorrow night. I'll wait for you at Imperial Sky. Call Zimo along too." After issuing the invitation, Mu Yuchen put away his cell phone without waiting for Su Chen to say anything.

"Master, is the warrant for Qi Feng's arrest out?" Li Si, who was on the side, was able to guess vaguely.

Mu Yuchen nodded while putting the cup in his hand on the side table. "You can leave first if there's nothing else. I wish to be left alone."

"But, Master, what about Gu Qiwu? If Qi Weier were to go to him, I'm worried that Miss Lingshi will...The father-daughter relationship between them is still very rigid, and I worry that..." Li Si said hesitantly.

Listening to this, Mu Yuchen's eyes dimmed slightly. "Since Gu Lingsha thought of entrusting Qi Weier to Gu Qiwu, it means that she was prepared herself mentally before that. I guess Gu Qiwu should know what to do. We'll see how it goes."

Seeing that Mu Yuchen was a little disinterested at the moment, Li Si said tactfully, "Yes, Master! I'll get someone to look into it. I'll leave first for now." He left after that.

Unexpectedly, as he walked towards the doorway and raised his head, he saw Xi Xiaye, who was standing by the door. Just when he was about to greet her, she had already placed her finger on her lips and made a silent gesture.

Li Si nodded and made way for Xi Xiaye silently. She nodded to him in response and stepped into the room. Li Si then tacitly closed the door for the couple.

Xi Xiaye tiptoed carefully behind the man. She took a glance at him and found out that he was resting with his eyes closed while melancholy was apparent from between his brows. When she was about to say something, he suddenly stretched out his arms without even lifting his eyelids. His deep and sentimental voice hinted that he would not take no as an answer as he said, "Come here."

"You knew?" Xi Xiaye raised her gorgeous eyebrows, took two steps forward, and stood beside him. He then reached out his long arm and encircled her slender waist accurately.

"What happened? I heard Li Si say something about Qi Feng's arrest warrant, and also something about Gu Qiwu and Ah Shi. Is something wrong?" she asked in a soft voice.

"Qi Feng's arrest warrant has been issued, and Gu Lingsha was also apprehended by the police at the airport just now. Gu Lingsha has entrusted Qi Weier to Gu Qiwu, so Li Si was worried about Lingshi," Mu Yuchen tightened his arm slightly while he briefly stated the facts.

Having listened to that, Xi Xiaye's pretty face froze for a split second. Taking a light breath, she reached out, wrapped his shoulders, and leaned forward. "This is good news. However, it doesn't seem to bring up anything happy."

"You don't have to sympathize with them. They had it coming. It was just a matter of time. Just think about Wang Qin's incident and many other things, and you may feel more at ease. I was the one who collected all the evidence. Although I'm not a righteous person, he was trying to bring me harm, so I couldn't just ignore it."

"I know that you're still dissatisfied with them due to Lingtian's incident. If it weren't for them, Lingtian wouldn't have ended up like that. Hence, that sulky feeling of yours is also one of the reasons why you want to go against Qi Feng. I can understand that. That's why I supported your decision. You're so smart, so you shouldn't be bothered by any obstacles and unhappiness, right?"

“You never opposed any of my decisions. In your eyes, your man is good at everything, isn’t he? Mrs. Mu?” He finally opened his eyes at this moment, and there was a rare gentleness in his eyes when he turned his head and gave her a sidelong glance.

“It’s a little difficult for me if you think that you’re perfect in your lover’s eyes. I only thought that since I’m tied to you anyway, my life would be better if yours is too. As for the details, I can’t manage so many other things. However, Mu Yuchen, let me ask you. If it were you...”

“I wouldn’t make such stupid mistakes, so there is no such thing as ‘if.’” He had already cut her off without even waiting for her to finish.

“Things that happen are usually closely related to the environment and can’t be separated from a person’s experience. We should be thankful that Qi Lei hasn’t become such a person. But this is the end of it. It has been a long-fought battle. Even I feel exhausted at this moment,” Mu Yuchen said in his deep voice. He rarely said such things, and since he said it at this moment, it meant that the matter really did drain a lot from him.

“Okay, not that the turmoil is over, it’ll be more peaceful. Should we go on a trip?”

“Where do I find myself the spare time? There’ll be tons of work after the beginning of spring. Speaking of which, fancy a job? You can be my secretary for a few days. Since you work extremely swiftly and efficiently, I’ll be able to relax more.”

“Alright, my salary will be settled daily, and in order for me to work, it’ll have to be hefty.” She might have rolled her eyes, but at the same time pursed her lips and chuckled.

“I won’t have the guts to hire you if the price isn’t high enough.”

“Okay, stop all that nonsense already. Tidy up and let’s get off work. Mother and the others happen to be here too, and they’re cooking our favorite dishes.”

“You get such benefits only when I tag along. How will you thank me?” He reached his arms out to her and she tacitly pulled him out of his chair.

“Then, how do you want me to thank you?” she squinted at him and gave off a pregnant gaze with her clear eyes.

“What do you think?” He threw the question right back at her.

With a wide grin, she turned to her side, stood on tiptoe, and then gave him a kiss on his cheek. She reached out and wrapped her arms around his shoulders before crawling onto his back. “I’ll let you carry me for a while.”

He subconsciously stretched his arms backward to support a body to prevent her from slipping off. His dim eyes were instantly filled with a trace of amusement. “It’s hard to believe that you’re already the mother of two kids. How can you still act like a little girl? Now, get down!”

“I would like to get off you too, but the problem is, can you let go just a little bit?” She laughed, leaning her head against his. She glanced at him sideways and teased him, “Why? Do you not have the guts to carry me downstairs?”

“If I dare, will there be any reward?” He gave her a mischievous glare.

After marrying her, he never had the chance to care about his image anymore, but he was hers anyway.

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When Xi Xiaye heard that, she raised her eyebrows and thought about it for a moment before she said, “Then, what do you want in return?” He immediately gave her a meaningful look with a playful gleam in his eye.

“Missus, you know what I want best,” he whispered.

“You want me to go fishing at the riverside with you tomorrow evening? Or go for a run? Or maybe play some kind of fun game with you?”

“What game?” His eyes lit up.

“Plants vs. Zombies...”

Master Mu was speechless and he had no choice but to say, “Fine, I’ll satisfy your vanity.”

“Huh, how do you know if it’s vanity?”

“Because I often think so too!”

“In that case, we really are husband and wife! You’re as dramatic as I am.” She chuckled softly but did not end up letting him give her a piggyback ride. She knew that he would, and that was all she needed to know.

“Master Qi, we just heard the news that Gu Lingsha was taken away by the police before boarding at the airport. The police have already obtained the arrest warrant for First Master issued by the higher levels. Miss Qi Weier and Mary went straight to City B with the bodyguards.”

Qi Lei, who was reviewing the documents on his desk, heard Yang Sheng’s voice from behind, and he stopped in his tracks. However, it was only a brief pause before he resumed what he was doing.

“Where is he now?” Qi Lei asked in a somber tone as he looked down, concealing the sadness in his eyes.

“After sending Gu Lingsha and Qi Weier off, he returned to Qi Kai and has been staying in his office since. He should still be in the office now. The police have probably gone over, and they seemed to have arranged a significant number of men because the First Master has a gun,” Yang Sheng replied.

“Master Qi, we should...” Yang Sheng wanted to say something, but before he could, the phone on Qi Lei’s desk suddenly vibrated, and the name that showed up on the screen was so familiar...

Brother!

Qi Lei was in a daze as he stared at the screen. He even forgot to pick it up.

Yang Sheng glanced at the phone screen subconsciously and stiffened.

Qi Lei finally answered the phone.

“Qi Lei, I’m in my office. Come over. It seems like it’s time for us brothers to have a talk,” Qi Feng said in a hoarse voice, but it was as calm as the glassy sea on a dark night.

Qi Lei listened and froze. He subconsciously turned to look outside the window and realized that the sun had already set and the light had somewhat faded. As Qi Lei continued to stare, he suddenly felt chills on his body. He stayed quiet for a long time.

“Why? Are you afraid? Are you afraid that I’m going to kill you?” Qi Feng said as he snickered after not hearing from Qi Lei for a long time.

“So, are you going to kill me?” Qi Lei asked calmly.

“Will I? Maybe I will!” Qi Feng answered after thinking about it for a long time. He then hung up without waiting for Qi Lei’s answer.

Qi Lei was taken aback as he looked at the dark screen of his cell phone. He was in a daze for a long time and his eyes were as dark as a stormy night.

After a while, he finally got up and grabbed his coat in one hand before draping it over his shoulders. He then grabbed his car key in the other hand and strode towards the door!

Yang Sheng’s expression changed drastically when he saw that. It was as if he just came to a realization. He quickly turned his head and shouted at Qi Lei, “Master Qi! Where are you going?! Where are you going?!”

However, all he could see was Qi Lei's desolate and lonesome figure. In an instant, his figure disappeared outside.

"Master Qi! He has a gun! He'll kill you! Master Qi! Don't go! You mustn't go!" Yang Sheng's eyes were full of fear, and he quickly followed his master...

When Mu Yuchen's cell phone vibrated, he was on the way to the Shen residence.

"Master Mu, bad news! Second Master went to Qi Kai to see First Master. You have to persuade him! First Master has a gun in his hand and he's not going to let Second Master go! We can't let anything happen to Second Master again. Please talk to him and ask him not to be so impulsive!" Yang Sheng begged in a frightened tone before Mu Yuchen could say anything.

Qi Lei went to see Qi Feng?

Mu Yuchen frowned as he thought for a moment. His eyes flickered before he replied, "It's okay. Don't worry. Qi Lei is no longer as reckless as he used to be. He knows that the police are on their way there, and they'll keep him safe. You don't have to worry too much. Let's go over and have a look."

"Master Mu, you and Miss Xiaye should persuade Second Master not to go there. I don't want him to make any mistakes. Now that things have got to this point, it's meaningless to say anything and there's no need for it either. First Master treated Second Master poorly and even caused Mr. Wang harm. No matter what, there's no way for him to escape from his sins, and there's no need to talk to him..."

Yang Sheng was worried. He saw Qi Lei as his family and did not want to see anything happen to him. Mu Yuchen could understand his feelings too.

After thinking about it for a while, Mu Yuchen replied, "I'll try. Don't worry. Go over and check the situation first. I'll rush over immediately."

"Okay, Master Mu! Thank you! Thank you so much!" Yang Sheng expressed his gratitude.

Mu Yuchen put his phone away and turned to look at the woman driving beside him. "Turn around. Qi Lei went to Qi Kai to meet Qi Feng. The police have already rushed over, but let's go and have a look just in case anything happens. It'll set our minds at ease."

Xi Xiaye also froze when she heard this and she was worried stiff. "He's gone to Qi Kai to meet Qi Feng? He's going to die! What if Qi Feng loses control?"

Mu Yuchen was calling Qi Lei on his cell phone at this time, but the latter seemed to have turned his phone off...

Mu Yuchen lowered his gaze and put his cell phone aside. His face darkened.

"What's wrong? Can't you get through?" Xi Xiaye asked as she glanced at him while slowing down the car.

"His phone has been turned off. Turn around and let's head over there now," Mu Yuchen replied.

Xi Xiaye inhaled as she was secretly anxious. She started driving faster and finally turned around at the intersection in front.

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The car sped along the way like the wind, but at the traffic lights, they met a traffic jam. Qi Lei sat in the car and lit a cigarette while waiting for the traffic light to turn green.

For some reason, he currently felt a detached calmness. It was a calm that made him feel that he could face all of this with frankness and that he could peacefully consider Qi Feng's current situation.

He recalled the scene of when he had rushed Wang Qin to the hospital with blood all over him, when he had been forced to leave Qi Kai, and then those near-death experiences with Yang Sheng when they had been kidnapped and tried to escape, as well as the scene of Qi Qiming lying in a pool of blood...

He could not deny that all of these misfortunes or sins were started by Qi Feng. They all originated from him!

Such a sinful person should not be pitied...

But why was it that right now, he started to feel sad for him?!

If he could choose to let him have Qi Kai so that all of these did not happen, Qi Lei would be willing. In fact, he had always been willing.

Only common people would never understand this, and it was only at such moments that one would reflect upon oneself with no way of remedying it, none at all!

The cigarette between his fingers was half-burnt before the car in front slowly started up. He gathered his thoughts quickly and put out the cigarette that he only took two drags from. He stepped on the accelerator and continued to drive ahead.

When he reached Qi Kai Group, the sun was beginning to set in the west. The police had yet to reach, but they should be over quite soon because he already heard the sirens from behind. There were many vehicles, not just one or two.

Qi Lei drove to the entrance Qi Kai Group and got down from the car unhurriedly. He tossed his keys to the guard, and before the latter could greet him he had already walked inside.

Qi Kai's employees were all rushing to go home by now, and half the employees had finished work. When Qi Lei went over, he bumped into a few employees going home, and they respectfully greeted him.

The contents of the shareholders' meeting were no secret to Qi Kai internally. Qi Lei was now technically their acting CEO. Of course, the prerequisite would be that Qi Lei himself had to be willing to take on the burden.

In truth though, since the shareholders' meeting, they never saw Qi Lei show his face at Qi Kai Group as if their new acting CEO might not be willing to take over Qi Kai. They heard that he was doing very well with Tai Yu Corporation!

Of course, Qi Lei had no mood to greet them. He just nodded indifferently and walked past them.

At this moment in Qi Kai Corporation, the police car sirens were heard downstairs. The sharp sound of the sirens tore through the silence of the sunset. On this considerably calm evening, more than ten police cars drove into the Qi Kai Group plaza one after another.

The cars stopped very quickly, and with Captain Wang leading the group of skilled policemen, they got down from the vehicles. The SWAT team and even snipers were called over, and it was a rather dramatic scene...

They swiftly rushed into Qi Kai Group and stood guard at all the entrances, shocking the employees who were finishing work and leaving.

Captain Wang and the rest had just positioned themselves. Yang Sheng, who followed Qi Lei over, rushed in too. When he saw all the police in place, he felt anxious, so he quickly went over and said worriedly while barely catching his breath, "Captain Wang! Captain Wang! Save our Master Qi! Tell everyone not to be rash. Our Master Qi is inside. He's in Qi Feng's office! You must guarantee his safety! You must! Please!"

His words made Captain Wang frown immediately!

"What happened? I just received news that it was only Qi Feng alone in his office! When did Qi Lei show up?" Captain Wang's tone was filled with gravity.

"Earlier, Qi Feng called our Master Qi and told him to come over. I didn't expect Master Qi to really come, and Qi Feng has a gun! He just wouldn't listen, so..." Yang Sheng explained while being deeply worried.

"Madness!"

When Yang Sheng finished, Captain Wang immediately shouted in exasperation with a heavy expression on his face. He quickly picked up his walkie-talkie and said anxiously, "Everyone, pay attention. Everyone, pay attention. Qi Feng isn't alone in his office. Qi Lei is there too. Please be careful and do as I

order. Don't make him angry and hurt the hostage. Please acknowledge if you heard me. Please acknowledge if you heard me!"

"Got it!"

"Got it!"

"Understood!"

All the policemen responded before Captain Wang eased a little, then he looked up at the skyscraping Qi Kai Group building. After a while, he walked in!

"I want to go in to take a look too! Captain Wang, let me in! I'm worried about our Master Qi!" Yang Sheng rushed in without a care and followed right behind Captain Wang...

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The corridor was very quiet. Qi Lei walked unhurriedly. In the empty walkway, you could hear his cold footsteps echoing.

This corridor usually felt quite short, but now it seemed endless, making Qi Lei feel as if he had walked a very, very long while before he reached Qi Feng's office.

The office door was open. When Qi Lei stood at the entrance, he could already smell the faint fragrance of the hibiscus from afar. He heard that Qi Feng liked this smell, and apparently Qi Feng's mother had also liked this flower.

Qi Lei stopped his steps and stood at the door for quite a while before he entered.

What greeted his sight was that empty office desk. He looked around and then saw the curtains that swayed continuously by the window, but Qi Feng was nowhere in sight...

Creak!

At this moment, there was the sound of a door opening. Qi Lei immediately looked to the sound with vigilance and saw that the door to the lounge area was open. Qi Feng walked out from inside dressed in a suit while his dripping hand held a transparent heat-preserving cup. Inside it was some chrysanthemum tea...

“You really did come.”

His profound gaze looked at Qi Lei as he took a towel from the side to wipe his hands. Then, he walked over to his desk. He put down the tea in hand, lowered his gaze, and did not look at Qi Lei while he calmly tidied the documents on his desk. He said plainly, “Actually, I guessed that you’d come anyway.”

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His husky tone was very calm. Not even a hint of tension could be sensed. He did not seem to have heard the police sirens, let alone know that the police were coming for him. It just seemed that he had never those committed crimes at all. Qi Lei had to admire Qi Feng’s calmness at the moment. He walked in slowly without saying anything.

Qi Feng was standing at the desk. He did not sit down for some reason. After realizing that Qi Lei had come in, he threw the towel in his hand onto the table next to him, raised his gaze, and glanced at him in silence.

“Your ability to speculate has never diminished, has it?” Qi Lei’s glance dimmed. There was no visible expression on his attractive face. He looked at him indifferently. “I don’t understand. The Qi family treated you well. Although my mother didn’t necessarily like you, she was never harsh on you, so why did you lay your hands on her? Because of you, the Qi family ended up as it is today.”

“Xiao Lei, to me, you’re just too naïve. If everyone were to ask themselves the question that you’ve just thrown at me, and if they could all look for the answers to their doubts in their hearts, do you think there’d be evil people in this world?” Qi Feng said calmly, and silently placed all the books that he tidied up back on the shelf behind him. “I’m a wicked person, and also a sinner. I don’t think it’s necessary for me to answer that question of yours.”

“I know you’ve always been resentful that fate hasn’t been fair to you, but nobody has treated you badly all these years. Still, you’re not satisfied. I told you a long time ago that I don’t care about the Qi Kai

Group or the Qi family. If you wanted something, I just gave up on it. I've never wanted to contend with you, but you've forced me to step by step up until today."

Qi Lei pressed his palms on the desk in front of him as he spoke. He then leaned slightly forward and gazed at him. "I only want to live a simple and serene life. Why is that so difficult?"

"From the second you were born, you were destined not to have a simple and serene life. Don't forget that you had a very competitive mother. Even if you're not in it for the Qi family, you still need to always think about your mother, don't you? Why do you think she married the old man?" With a scoff, Qi Feng turned back and stood under the bookshelf before glancing at Qi Lei, whose expression suddenly dimmed.

"Actually, it's very clear in your heart that although you don't want to, there are things and responsibilities that you can't leave behind. Do you really think you can truly be free and easy? Unless there's nothing you care about in the whole world and you've become a saint. However, such a saint has no emotions, so can you even be such a person?" His tone was calm as usual, and there was also a trace of irony in his gloomy eyes. It was not clear whether it was directed at Qi Lei or at himself.

"That's just what you think."

"So, you want to tell me otherwise? I admit that I can't be a saint. I'm a sinner, so don't be naïve. You're someone who lives in a fairy tale made by yourself. A flower that was grown under a roof would never be able to experience the cruel weather. That's the biggest difference between me and you."

Qi Feng approached the table slowly so that he was now standing in front of Qi Lei. He then leaned slightly forward to take a good at Qi Lei. "Your mother protected you well. I should also be envious of your personality. Your purity is something that I don't share. We led completely different lives, but you are actually luckier than me, Qi Lei."

"Lucky? You've always owned a lot of things that I don't have. Moreover, if it was your identity that caused you to become so cynical, to do all those things to hurt others, to lay your hand on my mother, and even the old man, then you're too cruel! You should know that plenty of people in this world are leading harsher lives than you do, so why is it that they can uphold a good attitude while you can't?" Qi Lei gave a sneer and looked at Qi Feng coldly.

Qi Feng laughed without saying a word and gazed at Qi Lei quietly. It seemed like he had read Qi Lei as a whole. Meanwhile, Qi Lei did not utter a single word either.

After a long while, he smiled coldly and said hoarsely, "What should I do, you say? If everyone has treated me badly, how can I convince myself to virtuously repay them and you guys? You won't understand that feeling. Don't always opinionatedly think that you're the good people, that you know what righteousness and kindness are. I'm a sinner, but at least, I know—"

"At least, you know how to tell love and hatred apart, and if others treated you well, you'd repay them?" Qi Lei did not wait for Qi Feng to finish speaking, and he had already truncated his speech coldly as a sheer cold chill radiated out of his eyes.

"I know you wanted to say this, but do ask yourself if you have accomplished it yet? The man lying in the hospital now is your father, the person who gave you life! Do you dare to say that you have nothing to do with him being in the condition that he's in now? To whom have you repaid the kindness? What has been repaid? Qi Feng, don't deceive yourself anymore. If you were referring to Gu Lingsha and your daughter, Qi Weier, then I can tell you that Gu Lingsha couldn't leave on time. She was arrested by the police at the airport a while ago, and she's probably in the police station now!" Qi Lei's deep voice became abruptly cold.

As soon as Qi Lei said that, Qi Feng squinted!

"What did you say?" There was still a cold chill in his voice, and he glared dangerously at Qi Lei.

Qi Lei closed his eyes, took a deep breath, and then opened them. "You won't be able to escape. No one can escape! Your right-hand man, Morrison, has long been apprehended by the American police, and Gu Lingsha has also been stopped, so you're all alone now. Do you understand that?!"

"Shut up! Nonsense! Bullsh*t! I watched the mother-daughter duo board the car. It's impossible for the police to have gotten them! They didn't do anything wrong!" Qi Feng's face dimmed at this moment while he gritted his teeth and then said.

"Don't try to deceive yourself anymore. You should've foreseen this ending long ago. The person who caused all these is you. You keep saying that you love your wife and your daughter, but why didn't you

think about it for their sake? How were you able to hurt my mother and your father with such peace of mind?"

"I didn't lay my hand on my father. The person who planned it was Morrison. It was Morrison! I don't have the heart to bear such a crime!"

"It was because of you. Why would Morrison make the call if not because of you? You're forever a sinner!"

"Shut the hell up!" Qi Feng's stern voice slashed through the air in the room, and before Qi Lei could react, he already felt something hard and cold against his temple...

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Qi Lei paused and his dark eyes flinched a little, but he was not afraid at all. He seemed to be one who would not miss anything about his life. Life and death did not matter to him now. Sometimes, he would think about going with the tide and just die so that he could forget about many things. Liberation was a luxury for him, so he was not afraid of anything at all.

"Don't you believe that I'll do it?" Qi Feng asked in a deep voice when he saw Qi Lei's calm expression.

The curve of Qi Lei's mouth disappeared a little and he responded calmly, "If I said I didn't believe you, would it change your mind?"

"No, I don't change my mind easily," Qi Feng answered him simply.

"So, don't you think it's redundant for you to ask such a question?" Qi Lei replied candidly, "Since I chose to come over today, I obviously don't care about my life. Anyway, I've lived enough and I have nothing to miss. You're not like me, Qi Feng. You have a wife and a daughter that you love, so do you think you can be as devil-may-care as me? There are police officers outside who are waiting to arrest you and bring you to justice. It's all over now! You've lost, and you're destined not to be as free as I am."

"Haha!" Qi Feng suddenly burst out laughing. "You despise me, don't you? I know you hate me very much. You hate me for killing your mother and almost killing you. You have every reason to hate me. Even I feel that you should hate me."

"I often think that if we weren't brothers, we might actually be very good friends just like Lingtian. Do you know why Lingtian and I are good friends? It's because he could really understand my true feelings. Come to think of it, all my life, I've never done anything I truly regret, except for what happened to Lingtian.

"Yes, that's right. People always blame Mu Yuchen for Mu Lingtian's death, but in fact, the reason he died was because of you, Gu Lingsha, and Doris! All of you were the ones that killed him," Qi Lei said coldly .

Qi Feng smiled and suddenly put away the gun in his hand...

He threw it on the table at the side and reached out to take the brewed chrysanthemum tea. He slowly unscrewed the bottle cap while looking at Qi Lei. His eyes were calm as the ocean in the middle of the night with boundless depth and darkness. "Yes, I'm a sinner. It's actually great now that we've already talked things out. You'd better pray not to have a brother like me in the next life. I don't want to be your brother either, but for the sake of our blood relation, I have two things to ask."

Qi Lei's heart sank when he heard that as if he just realized something. However, he hesitated for a while despite eventually not fully grasping what he meant. Before he could react, Qi Feng continued, "Please help take care of my daughter, Wei Wei. Also, please collect my body and bury me in the Qingshan Cemetery. Lingtian's also there. Get me a quiet corner high up. I want to be able to see farther. Thank you!" Qi Feng said as he raised his head and drank the floral tea in his cup.

Before Qi Lei could fully process what he meant earlier, he had already covered the cup in his hand and placed it back on the table.

Qi Lei's eyes were fixated on the splash in the cup before he suddenly understood something. His eyes widened and Qi Feng suddenly stretched out his hand to support himself on the corner of the table. In a somber tone, he said, "Maybe I did you wrong too..."

He could not finish the rest...

Bang!

There was not a trace of strength left in him as he collapsed and blood oozed out from the corner of his mouth.

A sense of fear and panic could be seen in Qi Lei's eyes. He immediately stepped forward to support his brother's body from falling, but he only managed to grab the shirt on his chest. Qi Feng's cold lips trembled and he breathed his last breath before he could say what he wanted to say. However, before his last gasp of air, he could see the sparkle in the red eyes of the person that was holding him...

Qi Feng gradually breathed his last in Qi Lei's arms and died peacefully. He let go and dropped his hand that was holding on to Qi Lei's clothes...

"Ahhhhh!"

Qi Lei wailed and tears streamed down his face. He suddenly burst into tears as he held Qi Feng tightly. His cries were filled with bitterness and grief. He did not know why he felt sad.

The policemen outside finally rushed in when they heard his wail!

They saw Qi Lei holding Qi Feng's body and crying. His agony and sorrow made everybody else feel his pain. Chief Wang was in a daze after seeing him like that, and it took him a while before he walked over. With white gloves on his big hands, he picked up the gun on the table as well as the cup of flower tea...

When Yang Sheng saw Qi Lei, he wanted to comfort him, but...

He had never seen Qi Lei like this before. Even when Wang Qin passed away, Qi Lei had endured it and kept it all in. He did not expect him to break down and let all his pain out like he had done today.

The police began to search and collect evidence in the office. Qi Lei cried for a long time, and finally, he raised his hand to wipe the tears off his face. Then, he hugged Qi Feng in a daze before walking towards the door...

"Chief!" The new policeman frowned helplessly when he saw Qi Lei's action.

“It’s okay. Just let him be.” Chief Wang looked at Qi Lei’s back with a conflicted expression on his face. He took a deep breath and said, “Well, all of you should search carefully. Don’t miss anything. Be vigilant!”

“Yes, Chief!”

“Notify the other teams and get them to close the case!”

“Yes, Chief!”

The sound of the police sirens seemed to have quietened down and the heavily armed special police force retreated. After a while, the ground floor of the Qi Kai Group seemed to be quiet again, leaving only a few police officers that were guarding the door.

However, the setting sun that had been on the horizon for a while had also started to darken. The entire sky had fallen silent.

Mu Yuchen and Xi Xiaye stopped the car by the plaza next to them and swiftly got out. They were about to rush to the Qi Kai office, but just before they got to the staircase, they saw Qi Lei walking out while holding the lifeless Qi Feng in his arms...

“Qi Lei!” Xi Xiaye’s eyes widened.

She was about to reach out to him but the man beside her held her back and said, “Don’t go. He’s already dead.”

His deep voice brought calmness to Xi Xiaye.

Xi Xiaye was taken aback and she could not help but stare blankly at Qi Lei, who was slowly walking down the stairs with red eyes and a pale face.

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While her mind went blank in that instant, Xi Xiaye watched as Qi Lei slowly walked past her. Even from far away, she could feel that sadness coming from him. The way Qi Lei looked in that instant made her heart break. She thought to herself that Mu Yuchen must have been like that too.

She took in quite a few deep breaths before she held back the sourness rising from her throat and turned to the man beside her.

Mu Yuchen's calm gaze remained as deep as the sea. You could not see a hint of change from his handsome face, yet his hand that held her by the wrist tightened. She could feel him tensing up but she did not make a sound.

Moments after that, Mu Yuchen said that with a lowered voice, "Let's go home. This place doesn't need us anymore. I'll give Li Si a call. Let him to help Yang Sheng with the funeral."

While he announced that, he pulled Xi Xiaye back towards the car as he took out his phone and called Li Si's number.

Li Si picked up the phone shortly.

"Master!"

"Inform Yang Sheng that Qi Feng has passed away and help out with the funeral," Mu Yuchen said calmly.

"Qi Feng's gone?" Li Si's confused and disbelieving tone came from the other end. "Did the police shoot him dead? Is Second Master alright? Earlier, Yang Sheng called to say..."

When he saw that Xi Xiaye remained dazed, Mu Yuchen spoke gently, "He's fine. Come over and help manage this," Mu Yuchen responded, then kept away his phone and sighed to himself. After he pulled Xi Xiaye to walk over, he opened the car door to the front passenger seat for her, then said, "Alright, don't think too much now. Get in. He'll be fine. Right now, he needs peace and quiet the most."

Xi Xiaye nodded silently and sat in too. Mu Yuchen then went to the driver's seat and slowly started the car.

The car soon vanished into the silent and vast gray twilight.

"Do you think it's a little cruel? I never thought of letting him go right from the start."

When Xi Xiaye turned to look silently at the streetlights that lit up outside the car window, Mu Yuchen's lowered voice suddenly broke the silence. Upon hearing that, she turned to look at him and sharply caught the faint dimness in his eyes. She thought about it, then suddenly shook her head.

"How could this be your fault? He's done many terrible things. Today's end is his karma. I'm just lamenting why can't people just live life a little more simply? Why couldn't we just let go and live more calmly? All of the grudges are caused by a dissatisfaction in the heart, including me in the past, and you in the past. Even Qi Lei of the past was like that. Yet, that is reality. This is life," Xi Xiaye spoke softly as her lowered gaze fell silently on his hands that held the steering wheel steadily. She could not help but sound a little downcast as she said, "While this...is the true end..."

Mu Yuchen kept quiet, and just listened silently. The car was not too fast as he drove steadily.

When he did not say anything, she said, "Qi Lei cried..."

"Because now he is truly alone. To cry in front of others requires huge courage. If it weren't for the fact that he couldn't bear it any longer, he wouldn't have," Mu Yuchen seemed to resonate with Qi Lei as he explained to Xi Xiaye.

When Xi Xiaye heard that, she thought about it for a long time, then seemed to detect the message between Mu Yuchen's lines.

Qi Feng had killed his mother, and then he had technically forced Qi Feng to his death. They should have been a loving family, but in the end...

It turned out that so-called kinship was only as such. If you cared, it would be very important to you. If you did not, then it would be nothing, and could even be a hindrance.

She thought about it for a long time before she suddenly understood that for someone as pure as Qi Lei, he would definitely be heartbroken right now. There was the release of resolving past grudges, but there was also...

A while after, Xi Xiaye suddenly called out to him, "Mu Yuchen..."

"Mmm?" Mu Yuchen responded softly.

Xi Xiaye did not say anything in the end and just called out his name.

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The day after Qi Feng passed away, Gu Lingsha received the news in detention.

When she received the news, she was very calm. Then, the next morning after the prison guard told her about the news, he found her cold body in the lock-up. She had ended her life with stockings.

When the police called to inform Qi Lei, it was Yang Sheng who picked up.

Actually, Qi Lei did not think it was out of the ordinary since he knew this was how Gu Lingsha was like.

She could not have suffered through all of this alone. Losing Qi Feng meant losing everything she relied on, thus she had no courage to keep going. She was quite similar to Doris in that way.

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On a quiet afternoon in City B, before the Gu residence's broad gate.

When Gu Qiwu saw Qi Weier, the call from City Z had come, informing him of Qi Feng's passing and Gu Lingsha's sacrifice for love. He almost fainted. Thankfully, Ah Mo, who was behind him, held him in time.

As he looked at the lonely Qi Weier, his slightly aged eyes reddened. He reached out to her with trembling arms, and she looked timidly at him, not going to him after a long while.

Mu Lingshi's belly was really huge now, so it was a little hard for her to walk. She had found out about everything from Ah Mo, and watching Qi Weier right now, she felt sad for her.

Such a young child should not have to be burdened with all these.

"Boss Gu, this is the letter Miss Lingsha left for you. She hopes that you can finish reading it and that you could take care of Miss Weiwei since she has no kin left, and also..."

Actually, what Mu Lingshi had said before did shake Gu Qiwu. He wanted to go see Gu Lingsha one last time. She was his daughter after all, but in the end, he did not make it in time. Everything had happened so suddenly.

Gu Qiwu took the letter from Mary. He opened it to read, but there were only a few lines of words and a cheque with a large sum.

Father, I'm sorry! I was wrong. If anything happens to me, please help me take care of Weiwei. Tell Mu Lingshi that I don't actually hate having her as a sister. It's just that fate was too harsh to us.

As Gu Qiwu read this, he could not help but start crying...

The letter in his hand fell to the ground. Ah Mo picked it up. After he took a look, he looked at Mu Lingshi with a complicated gaze.

Chapter 1507. Tomorrow You'll Have To Begin Again 2

The past few days had been very peaceful. Everybody's lives have not changed much as they still went out early and returned home late every day. No bad weather stopped the regular commute either.

It was the same for Mu Yuchen and Xi Xiaye. They led such hectic lives that they only saw the night sky when they finished working.

Li Si and Yang Sheng were helping with the funeral of Qi Feng and Gu Lingsha, so it seemed that everyone was very busy. Qi Lei had not been in the company for several days, and no one could locate him after looking around. Even Yang Sheng did not know where he had gone to.

Mu Yuchen had called him once, but the call indicated that his phone had been turned off, so he stopped trying after that as he knew very well that he would not want to be in contact with anybody throughout these few days. At least, that was what he had done when Lingtian died.

While Mu Yuchen understood and respected Qi Lei's disappearance, Xi Xiaye was rather worried.

This was how things went by for many days. Finally, the funeral of Qi Feng and Gu Lingsha was scheduled for today.

It was a breezy morning, and the temperature was slightly low, so it was not as warm as the previous days. Wearing a windbreaker would not even withstand the cold during such days, especially in a gloomy place like a hospital. Qi Lei walked through the long walkway in a black mid-length trench coat. When he arrived at Qi Qiming's ward, he stretched his hand, opened the door, and walked in.

Coincidentally, a nurse had just put on the intravenous drip for Qi Qiming and was about to withdraw from the room. She was shocked when she ran into Qi Lei, who gave off an extremely gloomy expression, but she also knew that the latter was Qi Qiming's son, so she nodded and greeted him, then left.

Qi Qiming was still lying on the hospital bed, and as usual, his body still did not have any sensation.

When Qi Lei went to the side of his bed, he seemed rather cold and worn out. He took a glance at Qi Qiming in the hospital bed.

Qi Lei's face looked a little haggard and pale. In fact, he was full of fatigue and depression. Nowadays, it was easy to sense his deep depression. While he seemed to have become another person, he was still himself at the same time...

"I came to tell you that your beloved son, Qi Lei has passed away. Gu Lingsha followed him and is now a gone case too, and their funeral is today."

Taking a breath, Qi Lei took his hands out from his pockets, swept his fine black hair back, and brushed his face. He then continued, "No one got any advantage in this battle, and no one won either. Qi Feng was never a great brother, and neither have I. Since he killed my mother, you can also perceive it as me having pushed him off the edge of the cliff—"

Speaking of this, Qi Lei suddenly bent down and whispered into Qi Qiming's ear, "Do you know, this is what I call karma? It's what you'll need to bear for the rest of your life, and the same goes for me."

"I didn't plan to take over the Qi Kai Group, but seeing you in this condition and how the people in the company won't be able to support it any longer, I plan to merge it with Tai Yu Corporation and together, we'll make a new entry into the business realm. I can provide it with a new start, but I can't give you or me a new beginning. Come to think of it, there's been too much resentment which is all pointless, and I've grown tired of it. So be it. If you were to keep sleeping like this, it might be a relief for you."

"Frankly speaking, I've never liked Qi Kai since it has never been a good company for me. It emits a menacing aura from the very center of its core, so it's a good thing that it's gone now. Human obsession is a very terrifying thing. I think I can't blame you for everything that happened between you and my mother. It's also because of my mother's deep obsession and competitiveness that she wouldn't yield before you and vice versa. That's why when she was defeated, she left nothing behind. I only see tragedy in her life. I guess it must have been very tiring for her too."

"Oh yeah, it seems that Qi Feng wasn't very satisfied with you either, and so was I. Come to think of it, you're quite a failure yourself. You've lost me before this, and now you've lost your other son which must be devastating for you. However, since I have to endure such pain too, I can feel better deep down."

"Okay, I shall stop here. You should live. Just live like this because such peace is also some sort of happiness for you. Sometimes, ignorance is bliss." Qi Lei had spoken a lot to Qi Qiming, so he then straightened up his stance and left calmly.

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Qi Lei still fulfilled Qi Feng's dying wish and buried him next to Gu Lingsha in the Qingshan Cemetery.

Gu Qiwu came unexpectedly on the day of the funeral and brought Qi Weier along. The grandpa-granddaughter duo was dressed in solemn black clothes. Qi Weier's face was still all innocent and inert as she did not seem to know what had happened, let alone understand that the concept of life and death was actually forever.

Until she saw the two monochrome photos on the tombstone and seemed to realize what all the ceremony was for, she then started screaming. Gu Qiwu hugged her in his arms and then brushed her hair to comfort her patiently while glancing at the tombstone in silence. Later on, Ah Mo helped him out of the cemetery, and Gu Qiwu left early with Qi Weier. It was obvious that he could not bear such grief.

Gu Qiwu seemed to have grown a lot older. After all, it was a gut-wrenching thing to watch the daughter die before her own father did.

Not many people came to attend the funeral since they only notified some relatives and friends. Qi Feng did not have many friends while Gu Lingsha had no other relatives around, so the funeral was as simple as it could be. Mu Yuchen and Xi Xiaye and his wife were there, but of course, it was not because of Qi Feng and Gu Lingsha but because of Qi Lei.

The weather today was not optimal. The gray sky looked a little gloomy. The burning white candles illuminated the two tombstones more clearly while the reflection of the flames looked a little glaring.

Watching her man next to her pluck the white flower on his chest and place it in front of Qi Feng's grave, Xi Xiaye plucked hers slowly and placed it in front of Gu Lingsha's tomb. When she stood back up, he immediately held her hand. There was a slight warmth in his palm that comforted her.

She turned her head and took a glimpse at him. He was talking to Qi Lei who was standing beside him in complete silence, "My condolences. Some endings are destined, and all we can do is accept it. Don't be too sad. It'll slowly but eventually pass. We're still alive, aren't we?"

His sentimental voice carried some warm consolation that Qi Lei was able to sense, so he nodded without looking at him. Then, he quietly stared at the photo of Qi Feng on the tombstone and then said hoarsely, "I understand. It won't take me long. You should go back first. I wish to stay back alone for a while longer in silence."

Having heard that, Mu Yuchen nodded and gazed at the sky. "Okay, but the weather doesn't look too good. It might rain in a while, so don't stay too long." He raised his arm and patted Qi Lei on his shoulder as he was reminding him. Then, he left...

There was only silence left in front of the tombstone. Although the world was huge, it seemed infinitely calm at this moment.

He only stood there for a long time. Later on, he felt a faint chill on his face and instantly heard faint footsteps behind him...

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The steady footsteps gradually got closer, and he could smell a light and familiar scent in the cool breeze. He turned his head and there she was...

Dongfang Liuyun.

She was wearing a black mid-length trench coat like him with her long hair hanging over her shoulders and a pair of black combat boots that were slightly stained with dust. She put one hand in her pocket while holding a big black umbrella in the other as she walked towards Qi Lei. Finally, she stopped beside him.

She glanced at Qi Lei's face before her eyes fell on Qi Feng's tombstone.

"Why did you come?" Qi Lei asked in a hoarse voice as he looked at her quietly with his deep eyes.

"I heard about it as soon as I got home, so I came to visit," Dongfang Liuyun responded calmly without offering any condolences to Qi Lei. She just stood beside him for a while.

“People say that death is pure and that there’s nothing to worry about anymore. All the grievances will end right here,” Qi Lei said after taking a deep breath.

Dongfang Liuyun’s eyes darkened after hearing this. She thought about it for a while and replied, “This is only for the dead, and the living would suffer.”

“He wasn’t a good brother, and I wasn’t either, but I’ve never thought that this would be our ending. Fate is sometimes ridiculous,” Qi Lei said hoarsely while his tone sounded helpless and desolate.

“Do you believe in fate?” she asked.

“I didn’t believe in it before, but now I’m starting to,” Qi Lei responded before bending down to carefully rearrange the white flowers that had been blown away by the cool breeze. At this time, the gloomy sky started drizzling, accompanied by thunder and cold wind.

Dongfang Liuyun’s eyes were as cold as the wind as she stared at the figure beside her that was drenched in the cold rain. After thinking about it, she offered him the umbrella in her hand.

“Well, since this is the end, then let it pass. Tomorrow you’ll have to begin again,” she said as she handed him the umbrella in her hand.

Qi Lei was in a daze. He glanced at Dongfang Liuyun who looked a little worn out, and then slowly reached out to take the umbrella.

She suddenly turned around, and before Qi Lei could react, she had already walked down the stairs slowly, leaving only her cold shadow behind...

He thought for a moment and turned his head to look at the two tombstones in front of him for a long time before leaving dejectedly.

It was just another chapter of his life. Qi Lei knew that he was only in his 30s and still had a long road ahead of him. When he felt lost, he soldiered on. When he was in pain, he soldiered on too, and soon it would pass. No matter what, this too shall pass, for this was life...

“Boss, my condolences,” Ah Yong comforted when he saw Gu Qiwu in a trance.

Gu Qiwu nodded. His stern face was grim as he held Qi Weier’s hand. Ah Mo had returned with him this time since it would be inconvenient for the pregnant Mu Lingshi to come along.

They were also waiting downstairs at the time. Ah Mo greeted them when Mu Yuchen and Xi Xiaye came down.

“Brother!”

“Ah Mo, why didn’t you tell us that you were coming back?” Mu Yuchen asked as he stepped forward and slowly let go of Xi Xiaye’s hand.

“It was a sudden decision though I’ll be heading back tomorrow...”

“If that’s the case, let’s go home for a visit. Grandpa, Father, and Mother have missed you. Mother’s been quite free these days, and I’ve asked Father to go home early. I also have something I want to tell you,” Mu Yuchen said and glanced at Gu Qiwu. He did not say anything further.

Ah Mo nodded. “Okay, I’m planning to go visit anyway.”

He then turned his head to look at Ah Yong and Gu Qiwu, and said, “You guys can go back to the hotel first. I’m going back for a visit and I’ll pick you up tomorrow morning.”

Gu Qiwu nodded while Ah Yong responded, “Okay, Uncle!”

“Mommy...” Qi Weier’s faint voice could be heard when Mu Yuchen held Xi Xiaye’s hand as they were about to leave.

Taken aback, Xi Xiaye’s gaze immediately followed the voice only to see Qi Weier’s meek and dazed expression.

The people around them were surprised as they watched in silence.

Xi Xiaye looked at Qi Weier for a while, but before she realized it, the little girl had already reached out to gently tug on the corner of her clothes and refused to let go...

After a long time, Xi Xiaye slowly bent down and reached out to touch her head, then tied her messy hair back. She tied a bow though she was not very good at it. She then took a deep breath before looking at her and said, "Don't be sad. Your father and your mother are now stars in the sky. When the sky's clear at night, you can look up and see them. They'll be the brightest stars..."

She was never good at lying because as she said this, her eyes glistened with tears. After taking a few deep breaths, she blinked hard to hold her tears back.

"Why're you crying? Stars are beautiful..." Qi Weier stretched out her thin hand and touched Xi Xiaye's face.

Xi Xiaye calmed down and inhaled before holding her hand. "I'm okay. It's okay."

"Mommy..." Qi Weier seemed to be fixated on the word as she called out again timidly.

"Weier, I'm not your mother. You can call me Aunt Xiaye, okay?"

"Mommy..." Qi Weier held her tighter. She seemed soft and vulnerable, and it made Xi Xiaye feel sorry for her. After thinking about it, Xi Xiaye seemed to have some reservations. She then turned her head and looked at Mu Yuchen who was able to see right through her eyes.

"How's Lingshi?" Mu Yuchen asked Ah Mo calmly.

Ah Mo certainly understood what he meant and quickly replied, "Lingshi's definitely fine with it. She's just a child. However, her autism symptoms are quite serious, and this is the first time I've ever heard her speak..."

"I looked it up, and she was actually doing well before, but because of Gu Lingsha, her condition took a turn for the worse again. Qi Feng was worried about her, so he always sent her to see a psychiatrist for treatment," Ah Mo said and sighed lightly as he looked at Qi Weier in sympathy.

As an orphan himself, he could understand that feeling very well. Fortunately, he had met someone from the Mu family and did not live a miserable childhood.

"Then, is she close to Ah Shi?" Xi Xiaye asked.

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On the way back to the Mu residence, Mu Yuchen drove. He could not take the original route back, so he had to take the long way around the North Ring Road to rush home. The car sped steadily along the way. Xi Xiaye leaned gently against the car seat with one hand propped up by the car window. While her calm gaze looked out of the car window at the streetscape, the husband and wife did not speak much in mutual understanding and just remained silent.

"What are you thinking about?" A while after, Mu Yuchen's low and sensitive voice broke the silence. "Still thinking about Qi Weier?"

"How did you know?" When Xi Xiaye heard his question, she turned to look at him, surprised by his sharp observation. In the next second, she calmed down.

He could always see through her if anything weighed on her mind and did not need to ask.

"I can never hide it whenever something's on my mind. Am I that obvious?" Xi Xiaye looked at him helplessly and said calmly.

"You're my wife. Of course, I should be able to tell." He chuckled as his eyes were filled with a faint tenderness as he squinted at her. "Ah Shi's a very patient person. Since she's agreed to it, that means she's already prepared for it. Don't worry. She and Ah Mo will take good care of the little girl. I know you've always wanted a daughter, but the thing about children is that you've got to go along with fate. You're tired enough with the two little boys at home. Just this once, forgive me for being selfish. I'm hoping you could care for me a little more.

“Besides, after you gave birth to our son, your health has deteriorated. If you really want another one, you’ll have to wait another year or two. Right now, things are finally more peaceful. We’ll have a lot more time to get to it.”

Mu Yuchen had already planned it out. Now that things were finally more peaceful and since she kept thinking about it, he could only go along with her. He would find a good doctor to give her a check-up, and then they could go with the flow.

Upon hearing that, Xi Xiaye nodded gently. “Well, you’ll have to see if Ah Shi can handle it. She’s still pregnant after all, and Qi Lei’s still single, so it’s not quite suitable for him to raise a child. Since we don’t mind raising another one, when the time comes, if she really can’t, then let Qi Weier come over. I don’t want such a young child to live in such trauma forever. We’ve got to find a way to help her.”

“I’ll go with you since I know you’ll worry. Let’s see how the situation pans out first.”

Mu Yuchen looked at her helplessly. More and more things were taking up her attention while it seemed as if his position was quite precarious now.

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This storm passed rather quickly. No matter what, time would not stop and life had to go on.

The Qi Kai Group was no longer in existence as it had merged with Tai Yu Corporation because the two companies were initially linked professionally, so it was not too hard to arrange for the merger. Of course, Qi Lei would be the CEO of Tai Yu Corporation.

He took over Qi Kai, and the first thing he did after settling everything else was to honor his promise to Mu Yuchen and promote Xi Xinyi to be a manager stationed in America, assuming the position in San Francisco.

When Xi Xinyi received the news, she was grateful and had especially called Mu Yuchen, wanting to personally thank him. However, Xi Xiaye had picked up. The sisters spoke on the phone calmly for the first time, even if it were only a few short sentences.

However, what surprised Xi Xinyi was that on the afternoon she left, it was Xi Xiaye who had personally gone over to drive her to the airport.

On the highway towards the airport, Xi Xinyi who sat in the front passenger seat suddenly said softly, "Thank you, and help me thank Brother-in-law too. Thank you for not being petty for the way I was before, for being unreasonable and narrow-minded. I hope you won't take that to heart. I'll be a good person from now on. I'm sorry, Sis."

You could hear that her voice was filled with apologeticness and a guilty conscience. "Thank you for your understanding. It was all my fault for causing today's awkward state. I brought it upon myself too. Sadly, I've realized it too late, and now I'm bearing all of this quite exhaustingly.

"I talked to Father for a long time yesterday. Aunt was there too. They talked to me calmly for a long time, and I benefited a lot from it. I've always been envious of you for having such a smart and kind mother such as Aunt. You're like her too, a charismatically good woman. My mother and I can't compare to you. I got people to send my mother over too. In time to come, you won't have to worry anymore. I truly wish that you will all be healthy and happy forever."

Xi Xinyi said a lot, but Xi Xiaye had not said a word. She drove silently until Xi Xinyi stopped and the car had quieted down before she said calmly, "You should thank your brother-in-law. It was he who saved you. Even though he did do it for me, in many aspects of the ways of the world, he's been my teacher. Since you've decided to start over, then work hard and keep at it. Han Yifeng did have feelings for you once. I hope you'll be able to win him back and find a home that belongs to you."

"Thank you, thank you so much! No matter what, I'll work hard. I'm much luckier than many people, especially with a sister like you who's so forgiving. I should learn from you."

"It's tiring to bicker too much. I just hope for everyone to live calmly and peacefully."

"Yes, calmly and peacefully without any so-called bickering. It's only now that I realize it too..."

"I wish you good luck then," Xi Xiaye said, and then the car slowed to a stop as they reached the airport.

Xi Xinyi took her luggage down from the car, and then Xi Xiaye started the car.

“Call us when you get there,” Xi Xiaye said before driving away slowly.

“Okay, thank you, Sis!” Xi Xinyi shouted after the car that drove away. She did not know if Xi Xiaye heard her, and her face actually started to redden...

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When she returned to Maple Residence, the sky had darkened. She parked the car in the garage and went to the living room. From afar, she could see her son, Mu Zicheng, crawling about the thick carpet having fun while Mu Zirui was quietly doing homework at his little desk by the floor-to-ceiling window.

“Where’s your father?” Xi Xiaye asked.

When Mu Zirui heard her voice, he quickly looked up at Xi Xiaye. “Mommy, you’re back! Daddy’s cooking in the kitchen!”

“Mama...Mama...”

When Xi Xiaye asked this, Mu Xiaocheng had already swiftly climbed up to her and began to stand up while pulling at the hem of her skirt. His sparkly eyes were blinking at Xi Xiaye, appearing very cute, and Xi Xiaye loved it...

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Xi Xiaye’s heart melted for a second, and she immediately bent over to pick him up. “Kiddo, come and hug me! Xiao Rui, you continue to finish your homework. Your father will check it for you later.”

“Okay, Mommy!” Mu Zirui responded, lowered his head, and continued to complete his homework.

As for Xi Xiaye, she carried Mu Xiaocheng and walked into the kitchen. When she was at the doorway, she saw the busy figure of the man inside. As if he also noticed someone opening the door to the kitchen, Mu Yuchen turned around and took a glimpse. Seeing his wife holding his son and watching him, he gave a faint chuckle. “So, you’re back.”

“Yeah, what’s on the menu tonight?”

“Honey glazed steak, yours and Xiao Rui’s favorite. Just give me a few more minutes,” he replied.

“Dada...hug, hug...” At this time, the little fella in Xi Xiaye’s arms suddenly reached out to Mu Yuchen unexpectedly.

Mu Yuchen raised his well-groomed eyebrows and immediately grabbed his son with one hand. Of course, he still had the spatula in his other hand.

“Okay, you should continue cooking. This little kiddo is too naughty, so I’ll bring him out. I’m looking forward to your sumptuous dinner, Mr. Mu.” She smiled cheerfully and reached out, wanting to grab the kid back, but Mu Xiaocheng stretched his tiny arms out. He wrapped them around his father’s neck and did not want to let go. He then happily called his ‘Dada’ repetitively.

As the curve on Mu Yuchen’s face widened, he put the things in his hand down and gently pinched Mu Xiaocheng’s chubby face. Mu Xiaocheng suddenly reached out to grab his fingers by surprise. He then shouted ‘Dada’ and drooled all over his chest.

“Alright, go out with Mommy and wait for dinner. Daddy will finish soon.” Mu Yuchen lowered his head and kissed Xiao Cheng on his forehead. Then, he passed him to Xi Xiaye.

“I found out that this little fella is getting more and more attached to you now. Moreover, as he grows a little every day, he resembles you a little more. Life’s amazing.”

“He’s my son. Who else could he look alike if not me?” He smiled.

“Mr. Mu, up until now, I still want to say ‘thank you’. Thank you for everything you’ve done for me and the people around me. When I sent Xi Xinyi to the airport just now, she asked me to thank you before boarding the plane,” Xi Xiaye said faintly.

Having heard that, Mu Yuchen's eyes became still for a while. He then responded after some time, "I just took advantage and used her. She didn't have to thank me. Plus, when she gets to the States, I can't guarantee whether things will work out between her and Han Yifeng."

"We can't always help people all the way. Anyway, just let her be. I only want to live a peaceful life for a few days now," Xi Xiaye said before leaving the kitchen.

However, unexpectedly, she heard footsteps from the outside when she was about to exit the kitchen doorway. When she came out, it turned out to be Su Chen, Ji Zitong, and Zhou Zimo...

Was there a dinner gathering tonight?

All of them were carrying two big bags. Of course, the husband-wife duo Ruan Heng and Su Nan were there too...

Xi Xiaye was naturally a little shocked when she saw that scene. Was everybody there for a gathering?

Seeing all the guests entering the door, Sis Wang came over and grabbed Mu Xiaocheng from Xi Xiaye. She also took Mu Zirui back to his room upstairs to finish his homework.

"Xiaye!" When Su Nan saw Xi Xiaye, she took a few large strides towards her, reached out, and hugged her directly. "I miss you so much! It's been a long time since I last saw you. Why have you lost so much weight? I only just praised your curves some time ago, but you've lost it together with all the weight!"

Xi Xiaye could only smile helplessly, letting her embrace her. She then replied, "I've been so busy, do you think that my life is as easy as yours? However, after not seeing you for a while, you've become curvier."

"Are you saying that I'm fat?" Su Nan was very keen to have captured the meaning of Xi Xiaye's words.

Xi Xiaye just smiled with pursed lips. Then, she lifted her head and glanced at the people who were catching up to Su Nan. She then said with a smile, "Is it because great minds think alike, or have all of you come to an agreement to organize a gathering?"

After hearing that, Su Chen raised the mitten crabs in his hand and said with his deep voice, "Tomorrow is my off-day, and nothing seems to be wrong with celebrating now. Zimo brought some wine too. You guys can chat for a while. I'll go help in the kitchen." There was no suspense since Su Chen and the others already knew that Mu Yuchen should be in the kitchen cooking.

Su Nan and the other, who were idle, started playing mahjong naturally. The group of people seemed to get along well and harmoniously. As she watched them play happily, Xi Xiaye pursed her lips and smiled. She also made them a pot of fragrant tea...

After about an hour, the dining table was already full of luxurious wine and delicious dishes, and everybody sat down around the table.

"Today's dinner is very meaningful. Thank God that everything has passed. So, come on, cheers!" Su Chen was not the type that liked giving ceremonious speeches on such occasions, so he picked up his wine glass and went with a simple sentence.

Xi Xiaye also picked up her wine glass with a smile. Taking a sideways glance at the man who was wiping his hands gracefully with a table napkin, she gave it a thought and said softly, "Thank you for your concern, especially Su Chen and Zimo. We've bothered you a lot with our business. So, here's a toast from Ah Chen and me to the both of you, thanks."

"You're welcome. We seldom use the word when it comes to Chen since we grew up in the same courtyard. We're still great brothers and a family no matter where we are," Zhou Zimo said gently, "Alright, there's no need to say anything else. Cheers!"

"Cheers!"

With the sound of wine glasses clinking, the wine swaying in the glass seemed to have seeped into her heart slowly. Come to think of it, yes, was this not what she had always wanted?

Things were peaceful, everyone was well, and that was it...

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It was already dusk, and the faint afterglow scattered all over the place. There was a faint chill in the warm rays as the evening wind was cooler than the afternoon one.

In a quiet corner of the cafe on the edge of the small plaza, a dark silhouette was sitting at the table, and there were unfolded documents on the table in front of him. A thick pile of documents had been placed on his left-hand side. The slender man carefully scanned through the document in his hand. The coffee on the table was just refilled. It was still steaming, and the entire space was filled with a rich aroma.

“It’s late already. We shall go back first. Tomorrow’s an off day. Whatever that should be arranged has been arranged, so you should be able to get a good rest during the weekends. You seem very exhausted these days,” Yang Sheng, who was on the side, suggested as he felt a little distressed when he looked at Qi Lei, who had been working for seven or eight hours straight.

As soon as he voiced that out, Qi Lei slowly looked up from the file and glanced out of the window subconsciously. Only then did he realize that it was already late...

“You should go back first. I want to walk around alone.” Closing up the file in his hand, Qi Lei slowly got up from the chair...

Yang Sheng gazed at Qi Lei’s bleak figure and could not help but call out, “President Qi!”

Qi Lei’s body froze for a while, and a dim, cool light flashed across his restrained and deep eyes. He thought about it for a second but did not say anything after all the thinking. Then, he continued to walk forward...

How could he tell him that he actually despised those two words? He had to pay such a high price just to get something that he did not want from the very beginning. He thought that this was perhaps how the rest of his life would look like already...