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Chapter 1651. Qin Su (2)

After parking the car steadily in the parking lot, the woman quickly got out of the car.

She was well-trained and looked very energetic.

“Good morning, Staff Officer Qin!”

When they passed through the playground in front of the administration building, they met a sergeant who came out of the administration building. The matter here was related to the woman in front of them—

Qin Su had just been transferred back from the Northwest Military Region not long ago. She was originally transferred to the administration as a staff officer. Later on, due to the lack of an instructor in one of the barracks under their jurisdiction, the headquarters had transferred her over from here to be a temporary instructor.

It was said that this Qin Su graduated from the Information Major and was a computer expert. She was outstanding in all kinds of skills and was a model for the military region. In the early years, she was mainly engaged in undercover work. She had cooperated with the task force many times to carry out counter-terrorism activities and destroyed several drug lords, it was only until the most recent time when she suffered a serious injury to her arm that she withdrew from the front line.

The most beautiful flower in the entire military region was also an icy beauty who was very difficult to deal with. She was a very strict and serious person. In the words of the people in the military region, Qin Su was born to be a soldier. She had the straightforwardness and decisiveness of a soldier, with her sharp intuition and decisive judgment.

Qin Su also nodded, the sonorous footsteps on her feet did not slow down at all. She walked straight into the office building.

She went straight up to the fifth floor. In this kind of weather, her body was slightly drenched in sweat.

“Staff Officer Qin is Here!”

“Hello, Officer Hu!” Qin Su also spoke.

Her voice was very hoarse. During an actual anti-terrorism battle, her vocal cords were damaged by the smoke. After that, her voice could not return to its previous clear and melodious sound. It was a little more raspy. She could not speak too loudly, or her voice would crack.

“Division Commander Feng has been waiting for you inside for quite some time. Hurry up and go in.”

“Okay.”

After replying, Qin Su took two steps forward and knocked on the tightly shut door in front of her—

“Reporting for duty!”

“Enter!”

A low and slow voice soon came from inside.

Qin Su quickly pushed the door open and entered. What greeted her eyes was Division Commander Feng, who was sitting right in front of his desk and processing documents.

“Division Commander, you were looking for me?” Qin Su bowed and then asked.

Division Commander Feng raised his head and looked at Qin Su’s figure. A warm expression appeared on his face—

“You’re here! Take a seat!”

As he spoke, he put down the documents and stood up to walk over.

“Thank you, Division Commander!”

Qin Su did not stand on ceremony and sat on the sofa.

“I called you all the way here, you must be tired, right? During the recent seminars in the military regions, I coincidentally bumped into your father. Sigh, you’ve been back for so long, and I haven’t had the time to ask you to come over. When your father asked me about how you’re doing, I really didn’t know. Today, I’ve asked you to come over and have a chat.”

Division Commander Feng and Qin Su’s father could be considered close comrades. During the seminars in the military regions, they often bumped into each other. Of course, he knew Qin Su’s background very well.

“Thank you for your concern, Division Commander. I’m fine.”

“The conditions in the lower districts may not be that good. You’re a girl, but you still have to return to your post. When the new instructor can be arranged, you can go back to the headquarters. After all, transferring you there is a waste of talent. I was hoping that you could help me organize the information system here.”

Division Commander Feng poured two cups of water and said as he walked over.

“Thank you, Division Commander.”

Qin Su took the water that Division Commander Feng handed over and thanked him.

“Actually, there’s still one more thing that I asked you to come over for this time. I’ll get straight to the point. Your regiment commander should have told you about it.”

Division Commander Feng looked at Qin Su firmly.

Qin Su's expressionless face softened and she nodded. "When I came here, the regiment commander looked for me. Staff Officer Zhang is a very important person. This car accident is quite serious. The military region asked me to assist the police in their investigation."

"Yes, I personally ordered the general. We have analyzed it and felt that this car accident is a bit unusual. Perhaps the other party found out about our people and tried to silence them. Staff Officer Zhang's anti-detection ability is very strong. Before the accident happened, he had already lost contact with the task force for more than a month. Therefore, after some discussion, we agreed that this car accident is not that simple."

As he said this, Division Commander Feng felt a little uncomfortable. His sharp black eyes were also filled with uneasiness.

It was said that the deceased Staff Officer Zhang was his distant nephew. He had always been very capable. Division Commander Feng had always thought highly of him. He did not expect such a thing to happen.

"May the deceased rest in peace. Division Commander, I'm sorry for your loss."

Qin Su thought for a moment before saying this in a hoarse voice. After pausing for a moment, she continued, "I've looked through the information and have had a general understanding of the situation. I will do my best to assist the police in their investigation. Division Commander, have you found more information on the heavy truck driver?"

"All the information should have been sent to you. If there's any new information from the police, they will send it over. You can go over tomorrow afternoon. First, go to the Traffic Control Bureau to understand the situation."

"Yes, understood."

"I'll have to trouble you with this matter. Take this opportunity. After this matter is over, it's about time for you to take a break. You didn't take a break last year, so you should take a good rest this year. Also, you should be more mindful of your personal problems. Your father has also been worried about this

matter. He even urged me to find you outstanding military officers in the military region. If you fancy anyone, you must tell me. I'll help you with it."

Division Commander Feng could not help but feel a little worried when he said the latter part of his sentence. It was a worry that came from the bottom of his heart.

"You're turning 28 this year, right?"

Qin Su furrowed her brows when he brought this up. However, she could still maintain her usual tense and serious expression. "I'll be 28 next month," her hoarse voice replied very calmly.

"See, so many years have passed in an instant. You've grown so much and you are already a young lady, you should take this matter to heart. How about this? After this matter is over, I will grant you a month's leave. You should take this opportunity to quickly resolve your personal problems."

"Is that an order?" Qin Su frowned and asked.

"An order?"

Division Commander Feng looked up doubtfully. Seeing Qin Su's tensed expression, he could not help but laugh, "If you think so, then so be it! I order you to quickly solve your personal problems. After all, you're already so old. You can't delay your personal life because of work. Otherwise, I could help you find a few?"

"No need. Thank you, Division Commander. I'll complete the mission."

Qin Su took a deep breath before standing up. "If there's nothing else, I'll go back and pack my things first."

"Go on!"

Qin Su also saluted before turning around and leaving the office.

Chapter 1652. Qin Su (3)

When she came out of the office building, the sky had already fallen silent.

Qin Su walked down the stairs and raised her head to look at the somewhat silent sky. She took a deep breath and felt a cool breeze enter her throat. She could not help but cough twice. After a while, she finally felt a little better.

A moment later, she also walked straight to her car. She got into the car calmly and drove away on her own.

The car shuttled through the vast night. The car sped along, and the road was very quiet. It was so quiet that only the sound of the wind rustling could be heard as the car drove past. The car window was also opened, and the night breeze continued to pour in, there was a hint of refreshing feeling that was not felt in the day.

Occasionally, there would be the shadow of one or two speeding cars flashing by, and the entire wide road was very quiet.

Qin Su drove at a very high speed. The breeze that blew in became even stronger and faster, causing her bangs to become very messy.

Personal problems?

Personal problems again!

She could not help but feel a headache coming on. Why did she have to solve her personal problems?

In their line of work, it was really not easy to find a solid partner to marry. How many people could tolerate their partner staying in the military for most of their lives? Especially Qin Su, who had originally planned to stay in the military her whole life.

She admitted that she did not have the mood to care about family matters. Last month, Commander Li and Instructor Fang both divorced at the same time. Commander Gao's wife simply cheated on him, and they had gone to court, she really did not have the confidence to manage such a marriage herself.

Moreover, was it not the same situation at home?

Thinking of this, Qin Su suddenly felt a little tired and helpless.

Twenty-eight!

Yes, in such an awkward age, she had nothing.

She was even a little afraid to go home and face her resolute and inflexible father. As for her mother...

She did not even know why they got married in the first place. They quarreled and ridiculed each other. After quarreling for most of their lives, she had never seen them loving each other. Therefore, she could only flee far away, far away from the battlefield that was filled with smoke and gunpowder.

Sometimes, Qin Su thought, since the two of them were torturing each other, why did they not mention splitting up?

Could it be because of her, their daughter?

What a joke!

They were both selfish people. They would never consider her in their decisions.

After being transferred back from the Northwest Military Region for so long, she had actually not gone home. She had always stayed in the military region, though she might have to go back today...

She was not a fool. It was obvious that her being transferred back from the Northwest Military Region was her father's idea. He had always been like this, and he was used to using his own tough methods to do things, perhaps it was because people who were used to giving orders were all like this.

When the car drove into the military region's courtyard, it was already past eight o'clock at night. The sky was completely dark. Every household in the courtyard had turned on their lights. When the car drove past the clean cement path, one could still hear the laughter coming from the houses.

However, such laughter only belonged to others, and Qin Su had never experienced it before.

Very soon, the car stopped in front of a bungalow.

The bungalow was quite new. Although it was not very big, it looked very clean and warm. The outer courtyard was quite big, and it was surrounded by metal fences. The front courtyard was filled with green grass and flowers.

There was a parking space outside the courtyard. Qin Su parked the car in the parking space. There was a military jeep next to it. It was her father's car, and the other car was her mother's.

Standing outside the door from afar, she could already see the lights in the house, but it looked a little lonely.

Qin Su got out of the car, locked it, then strode home with her luggage bag.

Just as she pushed the door open, a tensed and familiar smell of gunpowder filled the air—

The house was eerily silent.

She stood at the door and scanned the empty living room. Soon, she saw her father, Qin Yi, on the sofa in the living room, eating with a large bowl in his hand!

“Let me tell you, Mei Xiaoyue, I will never starve to death if you don’t cook! At worst, I will go to the canteen in the military district tomorrow to settle it. You still have reason with you. It’s because of your bad temper that your daughter won’t come home! How old are you? Every time you quarrel, you don’t cook. Don’t you see that I don’t know how to cook? Do you really think that I like your cooking? Childish!”

“I’m childish? Why don’t you say that you’re childish? If you’re so great then don’t expect me to cook for you in the future. Every time, it’s like feeding a rice bucket! I’m so angry. How could I marry a sloppy and hateful person like you! I just wanted to change the chandelier in the house. How is it bothering you? How is it bothering you?!”

As soon as Qin Yi’s voice fell, her mother Mei Xiaoyue’s voice came from upstairs.

“There’s something wrong with your aesthetic sense. The original warm white light was so good, but you insisted on changing it to this damn blue light. Even if you don’t find it creepy, I find it creepy. It annoys me!”

“Qin Yi! You old bastard. You’re so selfish. Do you have to be satisfied with all the furnishings in the house? Are you the only one living here?”

“I’m selfish? You’re the selfish one! You lost your temper and didn’t even cook, and you have the nerve to say that! Just now when Old Zhang came over, you really made me lose face! Now he knows that we have such a fierce woman in the house!”

“I’m the tigress? If you’re so great then go find a gentle little girl! Go ahead! Aiyo, I can’t live like this anymore...”

“If you can’t then don’t!”

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It was a very familiar scene, a constant argument. If one would not compromise, the other would not back down.

Qin Su was too familiar with this scene.

She took a deep breath, walked in, and turned around to close the door.

;Bang!

Hearing the sound of the door closing, Qin Yi, who was eating dinner on the sofa, immediately turned his head. His sharp eyes swept across the room. When he saw Qin Su's figure, his tense and serious face relaxed—

“Xiao Su is back!”

Qin Su threw her backpack onto the sofa and sat down tiredly. She glanced at the big bowl in her father's hand—

It seemed to be filled with leftovers. From the looks of it, it should have been left over from the afternoon.

“Mother isn't cooking again?”

Her hoarse voice sounded very calm. “Every time I come back, I see you guys arguing. Don't you guys get tired?”

“That was her doing. She insisted on making things difficult for me. She knows that I don't like those damn things, I felt chills all over my body just by looking at it. She insisted on making the house such a mess. Let me tell you, your mother is too scheming. She clearly wants to drive me away and ditch me. Do you think I don't understand her childish thoughts? Hmph!”

As Qin Yi spoke, he could not help but gnash his teeth. “Your mother is definitely going through menopause. Her temper is simply out of control recently. Just now when your Uncle Zhang came over, she was being defiant and didn't consider my feelings at all!”

Chapter 1653. Qin Su (4)

Qin Su just sat there, quietly looking at her father who could not hide his anger.

“Your daughter is back, if you still don’t come down to cook, are you expecting us father and daughter to eat out in the middle of the night!”

Seeing that there was no movement upstairs, Qin Yi stopped what he was doing and shouted upstairs again.

As soon as he finished speaking, footsteps came from upstairs. He looked up and saw that it was Mei Xiaoyue, who was also angry.

Mei Xiaoyue was also an officer in the military region. She met Qin Yi in a social gathering. Later on, they got married and had Qin Su.

“You’re back! What do you want to eat?”

Mei Xiaoyue’s eyes fell on Qin Su, which eased up a little.

“Just anything would do,” replied Qin Su.

“Stir-fry the beef in the fridge and make some side dishes to go with the wine. Also, stir-fry some peanuts!”

Qin Yi’s voice rang out as well. Mei Xiaoyue immediately shot him a cold glare as she poured her daughter a glass of water. “Sit down first. Why didn’t you come home when you’ve been back for so long?”

“I’m busy with something in the military region,” Qin Su replied as she reached out to take the water. “Thank you, mother.”

“Alright, sit down for a while. Sleep with me in my room tonight, I have something to talk to you about.”

As Mei Xiaoyue spoke, she glanced at Qin Yi from the corner of her eye—

This was a common occurrence. Every time they quarreled, Qin Yi would never get into her bed. That was it.

Qin Su turned to look at Qin Yi. Sure enough, his old face was gloomy. He put down the big bowl in his hand, took the phone and car keys from the side with one hand, and got up to walk outside.

“Father, what are you going to do?”

Qin Su also stood up and frowned as she watched Qin Yi walk past her.

“I’m going out to get some fresh air. I’ll stay in the dorm tonight!”

After saying that, Qin Yi had already walked to the door. Not long after, she heard the sound of a car starting.

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Qin Su sat back in a daze. She could not help but feel that it was a little ridiculous, but more so, she felt helpless.

By the time Mei Xiaoyue came out of the kitchen with the dishes, it was already past nine o’clock. She was still a little surprised when she did not see Qin Yi—

“Where’s your father?”

“He went out to get some fresh air. He’s staying in the dormitory tonight,” Qin Su replied, washed her hands, and sat down. She silently picked up her chopsticks.

Mei Xiaoyue paused for a moment. She did not say anything else and sat down as well.

“It’s been so long, yet you and father only get more fired up every time. Sometimes, I really don’t understand why you got married in the first place. Is there love between you two, mother?”

Qin Su frowned as she looked at Mei Xiaoyue. There was some doubt on her tensed and beautiful face, “You guys are quarreling every other day. I really don’t get the point of you guys living like this. If you can’t stand each other, I’d rather you guys get a divorce and live your own lives. I haven’t stopped you guys from doing that anyway.”

“Divorce? Do you really think that divorce can be brought up so easily? Your father is too selfish. He doesn’t care about other people’s feelings at all. He’s autocratic and narrow-minded! If it wasn’t for the fact that he’s still honest and dutiful, I really wouldn’t be able to keep this up anymore! He only cares that he’s comfortable, and not whether others are comfortable or not. Why do I have to put up with him like this? It’s been so many years, but his temper hasn’t changed at all! How can there be anyone so selfish?”

Mei Xiaoyue found it hard to hold back her anger at the mention of Qin Yi.

“You’ve always known how his temper is like! He’s just like a child. You said it yourself, if you can tolerate it, then continue to keep at it, and complain less. If you can’t tolerate it, then get a divorce. Isn’t that normal?” Qin Su rubbed the space between her eyebrows with a headache.

Mei Xiaoyue took a deep breath and suppressed the anger in her heart. In the end, she did not say much.

“Don’t bring up divorce so easily. Xiao Su, you’re not young anymore. You should also consider your personal matters. Although your father and I bicker a lot, we’re still married and it can be considered a complete life. In life, there will always be things to worry about. Even though your father is not all that great, it’s been decades.”

After a long while, Mei Xiaoyue finally said this.

Qin Su did not say anything. She just lowered her head indifferently and continued eating her food.

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Grand Lake Villa Complex.

When Qi Lei's call came back, Dongfang Liuyun was sitting in front of the study desk, thinking about the August event.

Her phone was on loudspeaker, and her hands did not stop moving.

"Did you just get there?"

Dongfang Liuyun was the first to speak.

"No, I went to the film and television base after I got off the plane. Mu Yuchen is there too. The situation is a little serious, but he handled it in time. There's not much of a problem. It's just the work later on that I need to work on."

Qi Lei's slightly tired voice was heard.

"Rest up. Go back to the hotel and rest well."

"I just came back from Mu Yuchen's place. I'm at the hotel. What about you? Are you still in the study room at this hour?"

Even when Qi Lei was thousands of miles away,, it was as if he could see her from there and he guessed it right away.

"Mmm, there's some data that needs to be processed. My analysis of the data is a little inaccurate."

Dongfang Liuyun raised her hand to support her head as she said.

“Send it over. I’ll show it to you. Is it the document you showed me earlier?” Qi Lei said.

“It’s more or less. It’s the information Ah Ling collected and prepared later. Alright, it’ll let you work harder then, help me take a look. I’ve been looking at the data these past two days. My eyes are blurry. Turn on the computer and I’ll send it to you.”

“Okay.”

As the couple spoke, Dongfang Liuyun quickly found an account and logged in. Soon, she sent the data over—

“I’m not very sensitive to numbers, especially the analysis of the results of these linear distributions. Since your company has already made a decision, you can just put on an act with the data,” Dongfang Liuyun said to the phone.

Hearing that, Qi lei chuckled. “Haven’t you always been clear about your work and personal life? It’s obvious that you’re going easy on me. I thought you wouldn’t do it.”

“You’re the one who went easy on me first. If I don’t accept it, it would be pretentious. Anyway, I can’t wait for you to go easy on me. Of course, I won’t let you suffer a loss.”

Dongfang Liuyun answered matter-of-factly. “I believe in our Dongfang Group’s strength.”

“Won’t suffer a loss? If I do suffer a loss, you can use other methods to repay it. For example...”

He did not continue speaking. However, his mocking tone had already caused Miss Dongfang to sniff an abnormality. Her starry eyes flickered for a moment before she spoke with an implicit tone, “Have I ever told you that you exude a wretched aura from the inside out?”

Chapter 1654. For You I Let Myself Go

The night breeze whizzed past in a rush. The faint crescent moon hung over the vast sky, and the night was as cool as water.

The sounds of small animals could be heard. It was exceptionally quiet this night.

Lan Xiu, who was sitting in the rattan chair outside the corridor, finally closed the book in his hand. Seeing this, Ah Li, who was beside him, quickly went forward and poured him a glass of water—

“President Lan, I’ve checked. Qi Lei left City Z and seems to be going to City B to settle some matters. His return journey hasn’t been decided yet, so I’ve waited for some time before asking him out. Miss Dongfang is still busy every day. She should be busy with the new product launch event in August. Lin Yuanyuan and the others really won’t let go of the opportunity to make things difficult for Miss Dongfang.”

Ah Li gave a simple explanation.

Hearing this, Lan Xiu frowned. “It’s within my expectations. She’s not someone who would ask for favors easily. Let’s go over in two days and take a look.”

Thinking about it, she might not be willing to see him. Otherwise, there would have been more phone calls these past few days. They seemed to have fallen silent and did not interact with each other anymore?

“There’s no news from Japan?”

Lan Xiu took a deep breath and blinked. Looking at the silent night sky outside, he asked this in a low voice.

“The Fujiwara family is worried about Master Fujiwara being injured of course. Moreover, they have been wanting to get Master Fujiwara a fiancée, it’s just that Master Fujiwara can’t let go of Miss Dongfang. His relationship with his family is quite strained now. If this continues, I’m really worried that the Fujiwara family will want to put Master Fujiwara under house arrest.”

Ah Li felt helpless when he said this.

“Fujiwara-san is an unruly person. It Won’t be easy to put him under house arrest. I’m a little worried that if he finds out about Liuyun and Qi Lei, will he...”

“I’m afraid Fujiwara-san will break down. Won’t he go crazy and kill Qi Lei?”

Ah Li knew a little about Fujiwara-san, especially his feelings for Dongfang Liuyun. Even President Lan...

“We won’t get involved in this matter. Let’s see how Liuyun plans to handle it.”

“But, President Lan, if...”

“If Qi Lei can’t even take down Fujiwara, what right does he have to have Liuyun? Does he really think that it’s so simple, that he could have her once he’s married her? We only need to care about Liuyun. As for the other two, whether they live or die depends on them. I know Liuyun, if the situation is serious, she won’t be willing to implicate the innocent. I don’t think highly of their marriage.” Lan Xiu lowered his head and drank a mouthful of water as he said indifferently.

Hearing this, Ah Li also took a breath. After some thought, he nodded solemnly, “But, President Lan, shouldn’t you do something? If you just stand by and protect her, Miss Dongfang won’t be able to see that. In my opinion, you and Miss Dongfang are the most compatible couple in this world.”

“Being compatible is only the opinion of others. Only we’d know best in our hearts whether we are truly compatible or not,” Lan Xiu replied and slowly leaned back. “Even if I wanted to fight for some things, I might not have a chance to. Perhaps, these things are fated. I remember that Liuyun once used a sentence from Mr. Yu to tell me about what truly belongs to us—”

When Lan Xiu said this, he paused for a moment. Ah Li also looked over, waiting for his next words.

“If you want something, let it go. If it comes back to you, it will be yours forever. If it doesn’t come back, then it was never yours...”

He had protected her for so many years, but she had never turned back to look at him. If that was the case, how could she truly belong to him?

Could he force himself to ask for more?

He, Lan Xiu, did not want to be lowly in love. Even if Dongfang Liuyun was not the kind of person who would hurt him just because he liked her, he loved her. This reason would make him feel lowly in his heart.

And, it just so happened that Dongfang Liuyun hated these things the most.

As soon as he finished speaking, Ah Li also ruminated over these words. After that, he seemed to have understood something and could not help but nod his head, "President Lan, I understand... However, I feel that if you want something, you should strive for it. Quietly waiting for fate is not a wise method. In the past, my mentor who trained me always told us not to wait, to be quick and accurate, because as long as you are half a beat slow, the person who loses might be you."

Hearing this, Lan Xiu also silently smiled. "I know. Thank you, Ah Li! What you said makes sense. Let's take it one step at a time. I don't want to lose more things because of mishandling anything."

"President Lan!"

"There's no need to say anymore. I know what you want to say. Liuyun also said the same thing about me before. I have strategy and am a cautious person, but I don't have enough courage, especially when it comes to relationships. I hesitate and am overcautious."

At this moment, Lan Xiu did not care at all and spoke out his shortcomings.

"President Lan, that's not entirely true. You're also a strong competitor in the business world. You're only like this when it comes to Miss Dongfang."

The more you love someone, the more you overthink. You care too much about Miss Dongfang. Otherwise, with your position and status, you could have any woman you want.

Of course, Ah Li did not dare to say the rest to Lan Xiu.

In these past few years, Lan Xiu was not considered very...

He did not necessarily want to marry Miss Dongfang. He probably just wanted to keep her by his side, hoping that one day, Miss Dongfang would fall in love with him, and then...

However, reality proved that there was no point in keeping her by his side. He could only watch her walk to another man's side.

How could one not be heartbroken by such an outcome?

In the past, he always felt that his circle was too messy and might not be suitable for her. Previously, he also thought that she wanted to escape from the Dongfang Group. He did not expect her to return without hesitation and marry Qi Lei with no second thoughts.

As such...

"Yes, only she can do that. Forget it."

Lan Xiu was silent for a long time before he said this indifferently.

"Continue to stay updated on their news. If anything, report to me immediately. Also, prepare some gifts for me, I want to visit Uncle Gan."

After Lan Xiu left these words, he stood up and walked back into the house.

Ah Li was in a daze for a moment before he followed behind—

"Alright, President Lan, I'll get them to prepare immediately."

“Mmm, if there’s nothing else, you can go back first. No need to rush over in the next two days of rest. I’ll call you if anything.”

Chapter 1655. Unexpected Guest (1)

The next morning, Qin Su got up very early. After a simple breakfast, she also went out.

As expected, Qin Yi did not come back. He probably really did stay in the Military District last night. Every time they quarreled, it was the same way. Qin Su was used to it.

She looked through all the information in her office and roughly understood the whole situation of the accident. However, by the time she finished organizing it, it was already noon. After having lunch in the Military District, she immediately set off for the city.

Qin Su’s troop company base was quite far from the city. Even if she did not get stuck in a traffic jam, it would still take her nearly two hours to drive there.

Qin Su was not too familiar with City Z. She grew up in the military compound and went to a Military Management School. Later on, she was admitted to the Commanding Officer School according to her wishes, after graduating, she was assigned to the army. Over the years, she had been transferred to several places.

Therefore, Qin Su was not very familiar with City Z. She only roughly know a few important places, mainly where the government offices were at.

When the car entered the city, it was already past two o’clock in the afternoon. The sun in the sky was scorching, and the streets on both sides were full of people holding umbrellas as they walked. The air was very hot, and there was no wind at all.

Qin Su followed the navigation on her phone as she drove ahead. After crossing a few broad streets and roads, they finally entered the city’s northern district.

“Staff Officer Qin, the city’s Northern Traffic Control Bureau seems to be just a turn ahead!”

When they turned into a traffic port, the Deputy Officer, Xiao Xu, who was sitting in the front passenger seat, finally spoke.

Qin Su nodded, "City Z has changed a lot. When I came here a few years ago, there weren't any flowers on either side. Also, it seems that these two buildings haven't been completed yet."

"Of course, especially the south side of the city, which is under development. If you go there, you won't believe that it was the wild south side of the city before. Now, City Z has put out an advertisement saying that they want to build another bustling city south like the north side of the city. The government has also invested a lot in it. It's much livelier there now than before."

Xiao Xu was from another province and was assigned here after graduation. He was very familiar with City Z.

"Staff Officer Qin is from this city, right?" Xiao Xu asked.

"Yes, I'm from this city, but I'm very unfamiliar with it," Qin Su replied in a serious manner. There was no change on her beautiful and serious face, even though she had returned to the city that she had not seen for many years.

As he listened, Xiao Xu turned around and glanced at her. Seeing that she was not smiling, he stopped talking. At this time, the car slowly drove into the gate of the city's Northern Traffic Control Bureau.

She showed the security guard her identification card. Soon, the car drove in as well.

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At this moment, in the office of the Deputy Director of the Northern City Traffic Control Bureau, Su Chen.

Su Chen had just returned from the eastern side of the city. He had lunch with a few colleagues over there. After lunch, he rushed back to work and had reached on the dot.

“Chief Su, the people from the Military Region just called. Their people have already rushed over. It should be about time.”

Secretary He made a cup of tea and reminded Su Chen.

Su Chen nodded. He stood up and went to the shelf behind him to take out a document. He looked at it briefly before putting it back. “How many people will there be?”

“I think there are two. They are mainly here to help investigate the real cause of the car accident. I think the Military Region must have some considerations.”

Secretary He was experienced too. The fact that the Military Region took it so seriously meant that this car accident was not simple. Perhaps it really was not an accident, but a deliberate murder?

However, with the involvement of Master Li, the case had become a little complicated.

Su Chen took the tea and took a sip. “We’ll leave their matters to them, we’ll just cooperate as best as we can. Recently, accidents have been happening quite frequently, so we have to be more careful. We have to strengthen the investigation and publicity work.”

“Yes, Chief Su! I understand!”

‘Knock, knock—’

As soon as Secretary He finished speaking, there was a knock on the door.

“Come in!” Su Chen’s deep voice was heard very quickly.

The door opened very quickly, and a flash of military-green came into view. Su Chen and Secretary He subconsciously looked towards the door.

He thought that the woman standing in front of the door looked somewhat familiar, as if they have met before.

“Should be from the Military District!”

Secretary He quickly reacted and moved to Su Chen’s side. He lowered his voice and reminded him.

Su Chen’s handsome eyebrows also slightly raised as he silently looked at the woman in front of him. Behind her was a man who was also wearing a summer uniform.

The woman took a step forward and very naturally saluted. Her hoarse voice was also heard—

“Hello, I’m Qin Su from Division A, Division Commander Feng sent me to assist in the 81X car accident. This is my colleague, Xiao Xu. These are our documents.”

As Qin Su said this, she quickly reached out to Xiao Xu behind her, and Xiao Xu tacitly handed over the documents.

Qin Su!

When Su Chen heard this name, he immediately shuddered!

Qin Su, Qin Su!

Was she not the woman that Mu Yuchen had mentioned earlier?

No wonder he thought this woman looked familiar. It was actually Qin Su.

After not seeing her for a few years, she had not changed much from before. She was still as beautiful and cold as ice, but her voice seemed to have changed. It was a little hoarse. It seemed like...

After calming down, Su Chen came back to his senses. He quickly stood up and walked over—

“Hello, Staff Officer Qin, Comrade Xu. Welcome. Please take a seat!”

The two of them listened and nodded. They followed him and sat down.

Secretary He quickly poured tea for the two of them.

“Staff Officer Qin looks very familiar. I think we’ve met before. I wonder if Staff Officer Qin feels the same way about me?”

Su Chen looked at Qin Su who leisurely leaned back on the sofa. He held his tea and took a casual sip.

Hearing this, Qin Su also frowned. She stared at Su Chen for a long time. Her eyes were sharp and immediately thought that he looked familiar. Hence, she quickly racked her brains. After a while, he seemed to have found the answer—

“You are... you are... Su Chen?”

Su Chen smiled when he heard this. He smiled happily and said, “It’s my honor. It seems that Staff Officer Qin can still remember my name. We haven’t seen each other for many years!”

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Qin Su was stunned when she heard Su Chen. She thought about it for a moment before nodding—

“It’s been quite a few years. I didn’t expect to see you again.”

Qin Su was naturally a little surprised as well. It must have been a long time ago. Back then, she had just graduated from the Military Academy and accepted an undercover job. Then, she had a working relationship with them.

Not long ago, she seemed to have met another partner in the military headquarters, Mu Yuchen.

“I didn’t expect that the person sent by the Military Region would be you.”

Su Chen smiled and straightened his back slightly. “I’ve heard about it before. Not long after the mission was completed, you were transferred to the Northwest Military Region. How have you been all these years?”

He remembered that before, Zhou Zimo wanted to thank her properly, but when they went to look for her, she had already left. Zhou Zimo was disappointed for quite a while too.

Now, after going around in circles, it seemed like everyone was gathered together once again.

No wonder Mu Yuchen had thought of such a method before. However, if it really worked, Zhou Zimo might be able to...

When he thought of this, Su Chen’s eyes could not help but flash with a meaningful look. That gaze was quite meaningful, causing Qin su to frown slightly as she looked at Su Chen warily.

Only at this moment did Su Chen withdraw the smile on his face. His expression quickly returned to normal. He lowered his head and sipped his tea before speaking in a serious manner, “The detailed information has almost been submitted. I also asked them to gather the surveillance routes in the vicinity. The special task force has already taken it back for analysis. This is the new data that they have compiled, we’ve sent it over to the special task force. Take a look at this.”

As Su Chen spoke, he took the document that Secretary He handed over. He casually flipped through it a few times before passing it to Qin Su.

Qin Su’s tightly furrowed brows finally relaxed a little. She took it and flipped open the document as well, looking through it carefully.

Her sharp eyes stared at the document for a while, but her expression became somewhat solemn. After a long while, she slowly closed the document and raised her eyes. "This information is very important. I will consider it. Thank you, Chief Su."

"You're welcome. The impact of this car accident is very great, the higher-ups also take it very seriously. We have done a detailed investigation on the driver of the accident as well. I will send you more detailed information as soon as possible."

Su Chen sipped his tea, and a smile hung on his handsome face.

"Thank you for your cooperation. I will contact the special task force later and look for you to understand the situation. This matter is more complicated, so..."

"Don't worry. our Traffic Control Bureau will do our best. If you need anything, just let us know."

Before she finished speaking, Su Chen had already spoken up.

At this moment, Qin Su's face softened. She handed the document in her hand to Xiao Xu beside her then stood up, "Okay, thank you, Chief Su. I still have to go to the special task force to see what news there is. After we familiarize ourselves with the case, we may have to briefly gather our opinions, so..."

"Mmm, don't worry. I'll be at the bureau for the time being, feel free to get in touch."

Su Chen also stood up and said with a smile, "Secretary He, send Staff Officer Qin off on my behalf."

"Alright, Chief Su."

Secretary He quickly responded and walked towards Qin Su—

"Staff Officer Qin, please, Officer Xu, this way!"

Qin Su thanked him once again before leaving the office.

Su Chen watched Qin Su's figure disappear outside the door. There was a hint of meaning in his dark eyes, and a rare smile flashed across his handsome face.

This Qin Su seemed to be the same as before. There did not seem to be much change in her appearance, but she seemed to be more feminine than before. Just like before, she was as cold as ice!

Perhaps this was Qin Su.

She was strict and serious.

Su Chen was looking forward to it now. If she really got together with Zhou Zimo, with Zhou Zimo's personality, would Qin Su be able to accept him so easily?

There was nothing more to be said, the only thing waiting for Zhou Zimo was change, right?

When he thought of this, the smile on Su Chen's face became even wider. It was as if he was already very certain that Zhou Zimo and Qin Su could be a thing.

Zhou Zimo was not someone that ordinary people could control. Liang Jing and the others were also quite worried about this.

This time, perhaps Qin Su would succeed?

As he thought about it, Su Chen's expectations surged again. He thought about it and could not hold back anymore, so he called Mu Yuchen who was far away in City B—

Meanwhile, on the other end of City B, when the phone rang, Mu Yuchen and Qi Lei were discussing the project on the rooftop of the hotel. They had just finished discussing it.

“Where’s Xiaye? Why haven’t I seen her these past few days?” Qi Lei slowly closed the document in his hand as he asked.

Mu Yuchen lowered his head and sipped his tea. “The children are having fun over at Lingshi’s place, it’s good for her to rest for a few days. She’s probably gone to the beach with Lingshi in the past two days.”

As he said this, he took out his phone that was vibrating non-stop—

“It’s me.”

“I was wondering how much longer it’d take for you to answer my call. Are you still busy? It’s time to get off work.”

Su Chen’s smiling tone reached him. Mu Yuchen could hear it from his sharp ears. “You’ve been busy. From your tone, you seem to be in a pretty good mood. Did something good happen? Or are you waiting for me to treat you when I get back?”

Mu Yuchen’s deep voice was tinged with interest.

“Damn it! Forget about the meal, there’s news that’s even more exciting than the meal.”

As Su Chen said this, he could not hide the smile on his face.

“Mmm? More exciting than the meal? Ji Zitong has got good news?”

Mu Yuchen thought about it for a moment. He could roughly guess the answer.

“No, it’s not me. It’s Zimo! Guess who I bumped into just now?”

The smile on Su Chen’s face grew wider.

“Mmm?”

Mu Yuchen naturally could not be bothered to guess, so he asked curiously, “Tell me.”

Su Chen cleared his throat, “It’s Qin Su. I bumped into Qin Su. In a car accident that I’m handling, a person from their Military Region died. She came over to understand the situation. I really didn’t expect her to be back. In fact, she seems to be much prettier than before, but she’s also...”

“Mmm. She’s been back for quite some time.”

Mu Yuchen was a little surprised, but he was not too startled.

“What do you plan to do about what you told me before? Is she really still single? When do you plan to go and talk to her? Or should I tell Zimo that she’s back now? I feel like if he finds out, he’ll definitely go look for her right away, he’s never been...”

“Be careful. Don’t ruin things. Wait for me to get back.”

Before Su Chen could finish, Mu Yuchen had already interrupted him.

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When Mu Yuchen said this, Su Chen raised his brows with interest

“What? Do you plan to make a move yourself and look for this Qin Su or Zimo to hint them?”

Su Chen was a little puzzled by Mu Yuchen’s reaction. It seemed like he already had a plan.

“Curiosity can kill a cat. Just do what you have to do. Zimo’s mood hasn’t been very stable recently, so you do what you have to do. If you have time, go out with him and get him to relax. I even got a call from him complaining about you while I’m here.”

“This guy is just making a fuss about nothing. Alright, since you know the situation, that’s enough. I’ll leave the rest to you. I don’t care anymore, let me know if anything. When are you getting back?”

“It’ll take a while. Things here aren’t very optimistic. Otherwise, Qi Lei wouldn’t have been called over.”

Mu Yuchen could not help but rub his forehead as he spoke. Qi Lei had already flipped open the documents in his hands and continued to look down, browsing through them. His long eyelashes fluttered as he was very focused.

“I won’t get involved in your business matters, you can do as you see fit. If there’s anything you need, just let me know. I’ll treat you guys to a meal when I’m back since it seems like you’ve been thinking about this meal for quite a while now.”

“I’ll remember.” Mu Yuchen chuckled and then hung up.

“Su Chen called?”

When Mu Yuchen hung up, Qi Lei asked nonchalantly, his gaze did not leave the document in front of him. He did not even look up.

Mu Yuchen sipped his tea leisurely

“Mmm, Zimo’s been quite worried recently.”

“Zimo?”

When Qi Lei heard this, he looked up at him suspiciously. He thought about it and seemed to have caught the answer. “Are you thinking about how to find him a partner?”

Mu Yuchen glanced at him, “What else? Before this, he thought that you were in the same situation as him. Until now, the two of them still don’t know about your marriage, but now, he really is the only one

left. We're buddies, no matter it was, all these years, no one has left anyone behind. Even in this matter, we should put some thought into it."

Qi Lei's handsome brows raised as a smile flashed across his lips. He reached out to take a cigarette packet from the side and took one out himself. He lit it leisurely and blew out a mouthful of smoke before passing the cigarette packet to Mu Yuchen.

Mu Yuchen took it and also took a cigarette to light it up.

"It's you guys that make me understand what sincere brotherhood looks like. Sometimes, I really envy you guys. No matter what happens, you stick to your beliefs."

As Qi Lei said this, he puffed on his cigarette leisurely and flicked the ash between his fingers.

"I admire you too. If I were in your position back then, I might not be as persistent as you. Compared to the consideration of gains and losses, I admit that I'm not as open-minded as you. At least, I've been disappointed by my own efforts before."

Mu Yuchen did not try to hide it at all.

Qi Lei paused for a moment when he heard that. He pondered it with some thought before turning to look at him, "Actually with Lingtian... everyone has a scale in their hearts, it depends on how you use it to measure things. It's the same for brothers and friends. He very much cared about you as his older brother. As long as you know that, that's enough."

"So, you don't actually hate Qi Feng that much, right? Even if he was the mastermind that caused you to lose your mother."

When Mu Yuchen heard this, he suddenly asked him the same question.

Qi Lei was stunned. He took two puffs of smoke in a row, and the smoke that filled the air was quickly blown away by the night breeze—

“I can’t say that I don’t hate him, but these feelings suddenly began to dissipate the moment he fall.”

Qi lei sighed, “You might not be able to blame Lingtian. I’m the same with Qi Feng. From the day we became sensible, we had an unbreakable connection. This is fate.”

“Compared to you, I’m a little luckier.”

“I don’t care if I’m lucky or not anymore. We can’t be handing our fate to the heavens, we need to fight for many things ourselves.” Qi Lei flicked the cigarette ash between his fingers and replied.

“To have such a realization, you’ve really impressed me. Are you looking forward to your life in the future? It seems like you and Ms. Dongfang are getting along quite well. At least, looking at you now, you seem to be leading a happy life.”

Qi Lei did not answer. Instead, he smiled.

“Aren’t you and Xi Xiaye the same? I also seek a peaceful life.”

“However, the Dongfang Group won’t let you live a peaceful life. Dongfang Liuyun’s status isn’t ordinary to begin with, even I would consider before getting myself associated with such trouble.”

Mu Yuchen thought about it for a moment before saying this.

Qi Lei glanced at him disapprovingly, “Didn’t you marry Xi Xiaye back then without second thoughts? That depends on who it is too, since I was able to make up my mind to marry her back then, I won’t think too much about it. Do you think there’s anything I can’t afford to lose right now?”

When he said this, Qi Li coughed lightly and frowned. He put out the cigarette between his fingers—

“I want to bet on her. I bet that she’ll fall in love with me and stay by my side forever.”

When he said this, Mu Yuchen could see that Qi Lei's silent black eyes were shining faintly, and his tone was filled with determination.

After some thought, Mu Yuchen asked, "Do you like her?"

"I don't know. At least, I admit that when I'm with her, I feel an unprecedented sense of security. This sense of security makes me feel very calm. It makes me feel like I'm not alone. It's very strange. I don't know why I have such confidence in her. She's stronger than me, but she's actually very fragile too, only that she never lets anyone know."

Qi Lei said this very calmly. He paused for a moment before continuing, "I've said before that she's the first woman who made me think about getting married. Of course, she'll be the last. I actually don't have much hope in life. If she's willing, I'm willing to give her anything."

"I couldn't tell that you were such a romantic."

Mu Yuchen glanced at him and chuckled, but he knew this feeling very well—

Was he not the same with Xi Xiaye?

"Romantic is too serious of a word. I'm just doing my duty as a husband. No matter who I've wronged, I can't wrong my own woman. This is something I've made up my mind about ever since the day I became sensible."

Mu Yuchen nodded and suddenly understood. Actually, Qi Qiming and Wang Qin's incident had a huge impact on Qi Lei, and he was a little glad that they had a positive influence and not...

Chapter 1658. How Despicable! (2)

The night arrived quietly, and the cool breeze blew.

When Dongfang Liuyun drove the car into the Grand Lake Villa area, it was already eight o'clock at night.

She dragged her exhausted body out of the car and was about to walk into the house when the doorbell rang. She quickly turned around and looked at the door, only to find that there was a person standing outside the door, holding a large bouquet of flowers in his hand, he also seemed to be holding something else too.

When she walked closer, she realized that it was Wang Chun!

“Secretary Wang?”

Dongfang Liuyun frowned and looked at the person in front of her with some confusion.

“Good evening, Missus! These are the flowers that Second Master got you, and here’s your dinner. He said that since he is not here during this period of time, I will personally take care of your meals and everyday life. Coincidentally, I live in the neighborhood not far from here. This is the dinner that my wife cooked. Second Master had specially explained your taste to me, so...”

Wang Chun smiled as he looked at Dongfang Liuyun, who had a surprised expression on her face.

“He... why would he instruct you to do these things?”

Dongfang Liuyun asked as she stretched out her hand to receive the large bouquet of champagne roses that Wang Chun handed over.

Wang Chun smiled but did not reply. Instead, he smiled and said, “The food is still warm. It’s all light food that warms the stomach. Missus, you should hurry up and wash your hands to eat so that you don’t get hungry. From now on, I’ll deliver it to you on time every night. If there’s anything you’d like to eat in particular, just let us know.”

“There’s no need to go through so much trouble. I can make it myself...”

“I’m afraid you won’t be in the mood to do it yourself. No need to be so polite, Missus. I’m not too far away anyway. Don’t worry, it’s quite convenient.”

Wang Chun was a reliable person. The reason why Qi Lei had entrusted this matter to him was because he trusted him.

Dongfang Liuyun lowered her eyes and thought for a moment. Then, she reached out to take the box of food. "Thank you."

"Missus, you're welcome. It's already our fortune that you're willing to be our Missus. These are things that we should do. Second Master is actually a great person, if Missus can truly stay by his side for the rest of your life, I believe that the both of you will definitely lead a happy life."

Wang Chun looked into Dongfang Liuyun's clear eyes and could not help but say.

Dongfang Liuyun paused for a moment before nodding. "I know what I am doing. Thank you all for being so devoted to him."

"We are only doing our duty. Although the Second Master's experience is very unfortunate, but..."

"I have heard of his matters, but I do not wish to pursue his past. It has nothing to do with me. I only care about his future."

Before Wang Chun could continue, Dongfang Liuyun cut him off.

Wang Chun nodded. "I understand, Madam."

"It's good that you understand. It's getting late. Thank you for dinner. You can go back first. Call me if there's anything else."

"Okay, Missus! Goodbye!"

"Goodbye!"

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When Qi Lei called home, Dongfang Liuyun had just washed her hands and was about to brew a pot of flower tea.

“Did Wang Chun go over?” Qi Lei immediately asked when he heard her answer.

Dongfang Liuyun tilted the bouquet of champagne roses on the side and opened the box of food. When the enticing smell assaulted her nose, she said calmly, “Yes, the way he looked at me was a little strange. You’re going to make them think that I’m a good-for-nothing who doesn’t know how to cook, when actually I’m an all-rounder myself.”

“Then let them think that. The more you know some things, the more you’ll need to do them. If we have a daughter in the future, I won’t let her learn how to cook.”

On the other end, Qi Lei spoke with confidence.

“Then we’ll talk about it after you give birth to a daughter.”

“Aren’t you the one giving birth?” Qi Lei frowned.

Dongfang Liuyun glanced at the phone and turned on the loudspeaker.

Qi Lei could feel her glance from thousands of kilometers away when he did not hear her. He thought about it and asked, “Do the flowers look nice?”

“They’re a little tacky.”

“Don’t women like champagne roses? Why would they be tacky?” Qi Lei was a little puzzled.

“Didn’t Mu Yuchen bring you out for drinks?”

Dongfang Liuyun did not answer his question, but instead she asked this.

“No, someone like Mu Yuchen wouldn’t dare go out to drink. Unless Xi Xiaye is with him, he definitely wouldn’t dare go, he’s not like me... Oh, no, I didn’t mean that, Mrs. Qi. What I meant was that I’ve never thought of going to that place. I’ve gotten sick of going since a few years ago, what’s wrong? You’re worried that I’ll be outside...”

Qi Lei was secretly glad that he reacted fast. Otherwise, he would have really fallen straight into it—

This woman was very calculative when it came to worming information from conversations.

When Dongfang Liuyun heard this, a smile appeared on her lips. “I don’t want to have another younger sister in the future. You have to remember what I said.”

Hearing this, Qi Lei immediately chuckled and cleared his throat, but he did not reply.

“Actually when you’re tired, I don’t mind if you go out and have some fun. It’s fine as long as you know your limits, you’re married now.”

After some thought, Dongfang Liuyun said this—

What should she say?

She and Dongfang Gan often went there, but Madam Song did not like that place. She always felt that it was not proper. Every time, the father and daughter would go out secretly.

“When you get back, let’s go together.”

As she spoke, before he could react, Miss Dongfang happily made this decision.

Such a huge reversal made Qi Lei too stunned to react. After a while, he recovered—

“I’m not going!”

“Why not? Are you afraid that I’ll eat you up? Last time I saw you, you were quite happy, I’ll get you a pretty girl? A newcomer in a nurse’s uniform. Oh right, the woman who passed you a towel last time, is the mole on her chest on the left or right side?”

Dongfang Liuyun drank a mouthful of soup and suddenly asked with some confusion.

“Which woman? I only remember that the mole on your abdomen is on the right side...” Qi Lei feigned seriousness and answered.

Did she think that he would be fooled again?

She had underestimated his IQ!

Dongfang Liuyun smiled happily. “Your morning glory is almost dead. You haven’t watered them in a few days.”

“How is that possible? Why aren’t you watering them for me? Those are all rare species!”

When he said this, Qi Lei immediately frowned with heartache.

He had forgotten to tell her about his flowers!

“Then come back as soon as possible.”

“Not so soon. The film and television base has been quite busy these few days. Otherwise, I wouldn’t want to stay here. Help me water them.”

“That’s fine too. I want two drops of the bottle of life force from the XX dungeon.”

“I only have three drops in total. Why don’t you just rob me?” Qi Lei immediately said with a pained expression when he heard that.

Chapter 1659. How Despicable! (3)

Those few drops of life force were all snatched from the underground city of XX with his life. Because of this, he had been hunted down by various sects and factions, so he had no choice but to ditch this headache. After a few twists and turns, it finally returned to his hands in a thrilling manner. He had hidden it as if it was a priceless treasure. He had never thought that this woman would actually target his life force.

“Can’t bear to part with it? I want two drops of your life force right now.”

Dongfang Liuyun swallowed the food in her mouth and furrowed her brows.

“Nope, leave just one drop for me then. I feel like I’ve reached a bottleneck recently, so I want to hustle a little.”

“What a waste of a heavenly treasure. Even if to break through your bottleneck, you don’t have to waste such a good thing. I’ll get you a Bodhi heart later. The effect will be even better.”

Dongfang Liuyun thought for a moment before saying.

“You have that thing?”

Qi Lei was a little surprised.

“I don’t have it, but I know who does.”

As Dongfang Liuyun said this, the corners of her mouth curled up into an unfathomable smile.

“Who?”

Qi Lei muttered and then a flash of inspiration flashed through his mind. He immediately understood what Dongfang Liuyun meant—

“You mean to just snatch it from that person?”

“You’re not too dumb. Alright, you should have food and wash up before you go sleep. I’ll go online and get it for you after dinner. I’m the only one who can do such a thing.”

Dongfang Liuyun shrugged nonchalantly.

“How despicable! But that person is...”

“I’m the one who’s snatching it from him. It’s me who want to exchange the Bodhi Heart for the life force with you, it’s a very simple exchange, what are you nervous about? You’re only making the exchange with me because of your relationship with me, can’t you differentiate between priorities now?” Dongfang Liuyun asked disapprovingly.

Hearing this, Qi Lei coughed lightly and said in a low voice, “You know that’s not what I meant. No matter what, I should be the one to snatch such a thing, and not...”

“I have no intention of sticking up for you. I’m only doing this for myself. I, Swift Snowy has always been one who holds my own. I don’t like to owe others either. I can’t let you suffer too much of a loss. Alright, don’t overthink it. I’ll get it for you later. If you’re really touched, bring me two gifts when you come back. Let’s be clear in advance, I won’t accept things that are mediocre or not valuable.”

As Dongfang Liuyun spoke, she stuffed another mouthful of food into her mouth. Her tone was a little unclear. “Did you bring that book with you?”

“Yes, it’s good to pass the time. Do you still have the Genesis section?”

He was talking about the Bible that Dongfang Liuyun had given him previously, but it was only the New Testament section. There was also the Genesis section that Dongfang Liuyun had not given him.

“Not everyone is fated to read this book. At the very least, I picked it up and put it down several times before I was able to really read it later on. If you can understand it, it means that you are fated to read it. You don’t have to have a deep understanding of it. Just treat it as a pastime.”

“I think it’s pretty good.”

“As you wish. The Old Testament is placed on the second shelf in the study. It’s on the left side of the third floor. You can look for it yourself when you get back.”

“Mmm, it’s getting late. Rest early. I’ll try to go home sooner. You’re not allowed to reject what I had asked Wang Chun to do for you, that’s that.”

His tone was filled with an irresistible determination. It made Dongfang Liuyun shrug her shoulders helplessly. “As you wish.”

Later on, the couple finally hung up the phone.

After hanging up, the surroundings instantly became quiet.

Outside the corridor of the hotel suite, Qi Lei was still holding a glass of wine and drinking it carelessly.

He put the phone in his hand aside and looked down at the big city from above. He watched the mesmerizing lights and at this moment, he felt especially clear-headed, and he wanted to return to City Z.

In the past, he did not have any so-called desires to go or return to any place. He always felt that as long as there was a quiet place for him to rest, he would not have any other pursuits. But now...

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The night continued. Tonight the moon was not as bright as a few nights ago. Instead, it was full of stars. The next day would be a clear day.

In the backyard of Dongfang Gan's villa in Tanshan Villa District, Dongfang Gan and Lan Xiu lay side by side on the rattan chair and looked at the quiet starry sky in front of them.

"You don't have to think too much. Even if that's the case, you'll always be a good son to me. Now that Liuyun has made such a choice, I can't change her decision. Although I feel a little regretful, Qi Lei seems like a good person. As a father, I can only wish them well."

Dongfang Gan put down the cup in his hand and sighed.

"I know you've waited for her for many years. To be honest, sometimes, I'm touched by your intentions. Actually, it's not that Liuyun doesn't know of your feelings. It's just that she... sigh, it's quite a pity. I've always looked forward to having you as my son-in-law. To me, you are indeed more satisfactory than anyone else, I'd be happy to accept you as my son-in-law. However, my opinion can not represent Liuyun. You know how she is."

Dongfang Gan's tone was filled with helplessness. He looked at Lan Xiu with a pained expression—

In reality, he was still in shock and disbelief at his daughter's sudden choice. He had always thought that his daughter's choice would be between Fujiwara or Lan Xiu, who would have thought that Qi Lei would suddenly appear out of nowhere and marry his daughter!

"Uncle Dongfang, there's no need to say this. Liuyun's choice has nothing to do with you. I understand that you love her. It's just that I'm not good enough and couldn't get her. But this won't affect us, no matter what happens, I'll protect her. To me, she's always been the only family member that I, Lan Xiu, need to protect. That will never change."

A smile appeared on Lan Xiu's elegant face. However, Dongfang Gan could clearly see a hint of loneliness and desolate in that smile.

“It’s still early in the night. Uncle Dongfang, why don’t we play a game of chess? It’s been a long time since we played chess.”

Lan Xiu took a deep breath. Without waiting for Dongfang Gan to reply, he had already beckoned Ah Li on the side. Ah Li quickly took the chess board from the table.

Dongfang Gan gave him a long look before nodding. Seeing that Lan Xiu had picked up a white piece, he picked up a black piece at a leisurely pace—

“Ah Xiu, you have to know that sometimes in life, it’s like playing a game of chess. You have to think carefully about which step to take. Once you’ve made a decision, don’t hesitate too much, or else...”

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“Otherwise, I’ll miss out on a golden opportunity. It’s the same in the world of business and relationships. Uncle Dongfang, I’m afraid that no one has experienced this more deeply than me.”

Before Dongfang Gan could finish, Lan Xiu completed his sentence.

He put down the white chess piece in his hand and sighed softly. “I’m too cautious. I was afraid of cracks appearing in many things, so I’ve always been careful. I’m afraid that once I take that step, I won’t be able to go back to how it was.”

“Love and marriage are like a gamble. After taking that step, there are only two outcomes — acceptance and rejection. However, it’s only when you’ve done it that you won’t have any regrets. If you’ve been working hard to fight for it, you might not have lost to Fujiwara and Qi Lei. I know my own daughter. She’s not the type of person who would give up everything for love. Instead, she’s an extremely protective person. Since things have come to this, Xiu, I’m afraid that you can only...”

“I know that she’s very protective of Qi Lei now. After all...”

“It’s good that you know. You’ve been on your own for so many years, and you’re not young anymore. Don’t wait any longer. You don’t have much to look forward to. It’s time for you to worry about yourself. I promised your father that I would take good care of you. If you’re not doing well, I won’t know how to explain to your father. Don’t be too silly, waiting is often useless, especially when it comes to matters of the heart,” Dongfang Gan advised.

"I know. Uncle Dongfang, please don't worry. I know what to do. I'm not putting much thought into these matters at the moment."

If it was not going to be her, how was he to accept it?

The name Dongfang Liuyun had long been around him. He could even smell her breath when he closed his eyes. How could he accept other women? Since he could not have them, he might as well...

"There are many nice girls in this world. Don't focus only on Liuyun. If you're willing, Uncle will..."

"There's no need, Uncle Dongfang. Other girls are nice, but they're also other people. There are many girls in this world that are worth having, but they're not Liuyun. They may be excellent, even better than her, but they may not understand the things I've experienced and what's on my mind."

Lan Xiu stopped what he was doing and said this.

"Just like how Auntie Song is irreplaceable to you, Uncle Dongfang."

Dongfang Gan was stunned when he heard that—

"But Auntie Song and I are different. We've been husband and wife for decades after all, and you and Liuyun..."

"Uncle Dongfang, you don't have to worry about me. I'm fine. I'm used to it already. It's just that I should have one less person to miss now, the rest hasn't changed much. However things were in the past will stay the same in the future. So, Uncle Dongfang, you don't have to worry about me. We're all people who want Liuyun to live a good life. I've always respected you as if you were my father, and she, she's my sister. Although I admit that I'm very unwilling, if Qi Lei can really help her live a better life than I won't say anything—"

“If Qi Lei doesn’t give her the life she wants, I won’t give up again.” Lan Xiu said this with a deep voice. His tone was firm, but only he understood that the chances of the future were too small. Dongfang Liuyun was someone who would not turn back since she had made her choice, unless...

“It’s good that you can think like that, but listen to me. If you find the right person, don’t let go of the opportunity. In this lifetime, many people don’t just live it, they live and endure it. Don’t mistreat yourself. You can decide the kind of life you want to live.”

As Dongfang Gan spoke, the chess piece in his hand quickly fell onto the chessboard.

Only then did Lan Xiu nod. “I understand. Uncle Dongfang, no need to worry about me. How are things going at the company recently?”

Ever since he met Dongfang Liuyun the last time, Lan Xiu had not gone to look for her. Instead, he had sorted out his emotions. He did not pay too much attention to the matters of the Dongfang Group, but he knew that Dongfang Liuyun’s days were probably not smooth sailing.

“It’s still the same. It’s not easy on Liuyun’s end. Next month’s Mid-autumn Festival new product launch will be handled by her team. This is a test.”

“I believe in her capabilities.”

“I don’t doubt it. It’s just that my heart aches a little. She’s only been in the company for a short while, but she’s already lost a lot of weight. She’s already as thin as a sheet.”

As Dongfang Gan spoke, his dark eyes were filled with fatherly care and love.

“The things I brought over just now are all good nutrition products. In addition, Uncle, your culinary skills are so good. If you get her to come home more often, she will be able to make up for it soon. Don’t worry.”

“She rarely comes back. She had a bit of a falling out with your Auntie Song. You know, she has always been unhappy with your Auntie Song’s actions. She has a deep grudge against her, so she doesn’t want to make things unpleasant when she comes back,” said Dongfang Gan helplessly.

“She often tells me that the problem between her and Auntie Song is historical, hierarchical, and they have different values in life.”

“Both of them are so domineering and independent. How can you expect them to be calm? The fire in this backyard of this house was not something that happened in a day or two. I have long been used to it. I will be fine as long as it’s two against one. Come, let’s play chess. It’s your turn.”

“Okay...”

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With people like Lin Yuanyuan pressuring her, it was expected that Dongfang Liuyun’s work would not go smoothly, just like today.

“Secretary Ding, is today’s report not here yet? I’m about to go out. Hurry up and send the report over.”

Dongfang Liuyun stood under the shelf with her head lowered. As she flipped through the information in her hands, she said to Ding Xiaoling, who was clearing up the table.

“I’ve already asked the secretary to go and get it, but there’s still no news. Previously, Manager Lin said that our report didn’t meet the standards, so Secretary Zhang took it back and redid it before submitting it again. I remember it was in the morning, and it’s already afternoon. Logically speaking, Manager Lin should have finished reviewing it by now, right?”

As Ding Xiaoling spoke, she was also a little worried.

Meanwhile, Dongfang Liuyun frowned slightly as she listened. She suddenly raised her head from the document and looked at Ding Xiaoling

“You handed it in this morning? Call and ask immediately. I’m a little pressed for time here.”

“Okay, Manager Yun. I’ll call and ask now.”

As Ding Xiaoling spoke, she quickly dialed Secretary Zhang’s landline number...