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Chapter 21. Racing, Master Mu's Might (1)

Before Xi Xiaye could breathe, a strong light flashed from the right side of her rear mirror as another car attacked from the right. This was when Xi Xiaye realized that there seemed to be more than ten luxury cars chasing after one another behind her. In fact, they seemed determined to get her to join their game.

“Beautiful, since your skills aren’t that bad, try it out. Our destination is the entrance near the Grand Waves Villa. If you win, there’s a generous prize – an exclusive membership to our racing club!”

When she saw both left and right sides sandwiching her in between, Xi Xiaye’s twinkling eyes dimmed. Quickly, the curve of a cold smile formed on her lips and a flash gleamed in her eyes.

Racing?

This game was actually one of her hobbies from a few years ago. Especially three years ago, almost every two or three days, she would gather with her fellow racers and enjoy the insanity that came with the speed. To her, racing was also a very effective way of venting and releasing her pent-up emotions.

She remembered back then that her skills were considered top-notch among her group of friends. After stopping for three years, she was not sure whether her boldness and skills from back then were still just as good. Even though she liked driving fast, when it came to racing, it was not something she had done even once in the past three years.

However, now, what was the harm of indulging just once after rediscovering that feeling from her past?

When she thought about this, she also forgot about the man in the front passenger seat. With a snort, her hand that was propped up on the car window suddenly gripped the steering wheel steady and her eyes were filled with an indescribable calm and sharpness. She glared at the cars that provoked her and suddenly floored the accelerator. The entire car instantly sped up and sprinted ahead like an arrow leaving the bow string.

Immediately from behind, there came the intense sounds of howling and even whistling. Instantly, the cars behind increased in speed and rushed to catch up with her. Suddenly, the quiet road instantly turned raucous with more than ten cars tearing forward extremely dangerously.

The wind that surged in violently was akin to the cries of dragons and tigers while the temperature of the air against her face instantly dropped. Her hair that had been tied up had swiftly turned messy from the strong winds as her hair tie had long been blown away. Her flowing hair was interweaved like dark clouds, as it whipped around. Xiaye's eyes were focused and sharp as she stepped the accelerator underneath her feet to its limit.

The Phaeton that Xi Xiaye drove belonged to the low-profile luxury category. It was the type of car with staid and for honored individuals. Being more of a commercial car, it was a four-wheel drive and the control function was not of the common run. For someone like Xiaye who had pretty impressive skills, it was not hard to control, but this was not suitable for the sporty edge of racing.

Thus, it was not a car for racing after all. Like a Mercedes Benz, Porsche race cars were more agile and lighter. Winding roads were basically a Porsche's haven, so when they tackled a few curves and rushed through a right angle bend, Xiaye very obviously fell behind.

When she saw another Hummer speed past her on the left, Xi Xiaye finally started to frown. She suddenly lamented her skills; she just had not trained for a few years, and indeed she was out of touch.

"Want to beat them?"

At this moment, there was suddenly a deep voice from beside her, startling Xi Xiaye. This was when she was conscious about someone being beside her. She turned over to look and realized that the man who had been resting had suddenly opened his eyes and stared ahead calmly. In the depths of his eyes, there seemed to be a hidden incisiveness.

"Do you have a plan?" Xi Xiaye raised her brows and asked softly, her beautiful eyes twinkling with a hopeful glimmer.

Mu Yuchen looked down at the speedometer in front of her. Then, a faint smile flashed across his honorable and handsome face as he said in a baritone voice, "Scoot over here. Allow me!"

When she saw the flickering glow in his eyes that were sharp and filled with confidence, there was an indescribable grandeur that engulfed him as if everything were within his control.

She hesitated for a moment before gladly nodding. She then slowly stabilized the car. When the car was traveling across the straight high-speed route, she exchanged a look with Mu Yuchen, who held onto the steering wheel. Sharing an unspoken chemistry, the two of them jumped and swiftly switched places.

Mu Yuchen held onto the steering wheel steadily as the slightly wavering car instantly stabilized. He took a glance at the rearview mirror and realized that behind them, two race cars were about to speed up and attack them from both sides. Mu Yuchen's lips instantly turned into a perfect curve. The glimmer in his eyes suddenly turned sharper. Ahead, they were about to meet a semicircle turning.

"Sit tight," uttered Mu Yuchen while he smiled coldly. Immediately flooring the accelerator and going all the way, he pushed the car to its maximum speed. His hand swiftly turned the steering wheel to half a loop, and the car very beautifully and rapidly drifted past the two Hummers that had sped past them earlier.

That was insane!

A huge curve was looming ahead, yet he dared to push the car to its fastest speed! Xi Xiaye could not help but nag him on the inside. However, even so, she did not feel afraid at all as she sat in the co-pilot seat. The crazy winds that poured in tangled her hair and that sudden acceleration had also destabilized her.

Whoosh!

They whirled past like a hurricane and the steering wheel seemed to have suddenly become an extension of him. It allowed him to flexibly control it as he wished, especially when they drove through the huge bend ahead. Not even slowing down in the least, the car drifted beautifully and ditched the few race cars that were speeding like beasts behind.

The piercing sound of car tyres screeching against the ground tore through the night as the cars flew past and before the leaves of the trees along the road could touch the ground, the cars behind quickly chased after them. In an instant, more than ten cars seemed to have sprinted forwards like crazy hurricanes. In the blink of an eye, they vanished.

The man handled the car very well; his angles and direction were beyond accurate. When she saw one of the luxury cars that was ahead earlier being ditched behind, Xi Xiaye could not help but feel admiration for the man beside her.

Even though the car was key, the driver's handling skills was even more crucial. This man's driving skills were quite impressive. The way he used his talents and the way he accurately judged and grasped the dynamics of the situation unexpectedly made up for what the car lacked. Even at Xi Xiaye's peak before this, she could barely do it, yet he was now controlling the car with ease.

The car passed through the dark tunnel ahead at lightning speed. Quite a number of streetlights needed repairing, so a good distance of it was pitch-dark. Sometimes, there would be flickers of weak light from the cars behind. Despite the tunnel also being filled with bends, he still drove the car very steadily.

After the car sped out of the tunnel's long, steep road, there was one more 90-degree bend. Upon looking down, they realized that they were already going to reach the Grand Waves Villa area, so the finishing point should be right ahead. Meanwhile, up front there were still two cars, a Cayenne and a Ferrari, running neck to neck.

Xi Xiaye frowned slightly. She subconsciously turned to look at the man beside her, noticing that he looked extremely calm as his eyes stayed fixed on the right angle bend. The two cars ahead had already started to reduce in speed, yet...

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Swoosh!

His car did not slow down as he tore ahead like a sharp arrow, surpassing the Ferrari beside them at lightning speed.

"What the heck!? Nut cases! Do they want to die!?"

"It's a steep road ahead. Are they trying to die going so fast?!"

As the string of curses came, in that instant as they approached the curve, he stepped on the brake and the steering wheel in his hand retaliated with a powerful turn. The car unexpectedly did a terrifying drift

at an extremely high speed. It was practically mid air as it flew up before instantly passing the bend and smoothly driving ahead to the straight road.

“Bloody hell, is that God?!”

“Goddamn, that was cool! Who’s that man!? He’s mad reckless!”

“F*ck! That worked!? Bloody hell!”

“So cool! Domineering enough, mighty enough, headstrong enough!”

The few cars that rushed up from behind had all witnessed this shocking scene. They could not help but widen their eyes in disbelief and immediately blurt out curses!

Swoosh!

The urgent and piercing squeals of brakes broke the air. The black Phaeton was the first to cross the finishing line. The young fellows who were waiting at the closed-off intersection ahead while leaning on their car doors were all stupefied as they watched the car that raced over.

Mu Yuchen turned off the engine, then he turned to look at Xi Xiaye and saw that she was still a little dazed. His lips instantly turned into a faint curve and his concerned voice slowly entered her ears. “Are you frightened?”

Xi Xiaye then snapped out of her daze. She lifted a hand to rearrange her messy hair slightly before she shook her head at him. As if she still felt frightened, she said, “I was just a little surprised that your driving skills are this insane. In fact, when you really get into it, you can be so...”

“Recklessly crazy?” Mu Yuchen finished her sentence, seeing her body shiver slightly in the night breeze. He suddenly opened the car door, took off his black windbreaker and casually threw it onto her, then he walked away from the car.

The cool breeze brought with it a faint fragrance. She merely felt a black figure pass her. Then, there was a weight on her lap. When she looked down, she realized that his black windbreaker had already fallen into her lap.

Xi Xiaye was startled and her hands tightened slightly. She could still vaguely feel the slight warmth from his body with the windbreaker on her lap. Hesitating for a moment, she quickly glanced up at Mu Yuchen.

He had already taken out a box of cigarettes from his pocket and casually pulled a stick out. Taking a light whiff, when he saw her looking, his deep and extremely attractive voice slowly floated through the night air.

“Put it on. It’s a little cold outside.”

That tone bore an insistence that was hard to resist.

Then, not too far away, one of the few young fellows who were waiting had walked over still in shock. He was about to say something when Mu Yuchen nodded at them and tossed his box of cigarettes and lighter to them. Swiftly catching it, they all passed it around to take a cigarette out. They lit their sticks and smiled with friendliness as they nodded at Mu Yuchen.

That was considered a greeting.

When she saw him looking behind while casually smoking, Xi Xiaye looked down at the black windbreaker on her lap again. She breathed in slightly and did not resist putting it on. Then, she pushed the car door open and slowly got down too.

The night breeze was indeed very chilly. She had just gotten down from the car when a gush of cold wind attacked. She could not help but shiver as she gently rubbed her slightly frozen and stiff hands together. Then, she slowly walked around the car and made her way towards Mu Yuchen. Stopping beside him, she followed his gaze to look over at the cars speeding from behind.

The bleak night breeze floated with hints of the smell of tobacco. Beside them, the yellowish streetlights emitted a dim light, making the shadows underneath their legs appear very long and faint.

Very quickly, the other racers started to dash past the finishing point one after another. They slowly steadied and parked their cars. They got out of their cars and walked towards Mu Yuchen.

“Nice one, buddy! It’s fine if you just look handsome, but you’ve also got crazy driving skills that are practically God-like. We bros are stunned just watching you. How did you even do it?”

One of the tall, dashing guys in a blue tracksuit walked up to Mu Yuchen. His expression was filled with admiration and he could not help but exclaim, “Exactly! I could see everything clearly from behind. All of your drifts were executed beautifully. Even if you’re reckless, that’s not how any of us would have driven, especially when you were getting at the bend earlier. That was crazy!”

The shock on the crowd’s faces did not fade. They fixed their gaze on Mu Yuchen’s God-like handsome face, admiration filling their eyes. Soon, they noticed Xi Xiaye who was standing beside Mu Yuchen too, and they all gasped.

“A handsome man and a beautiful woman! What a perfect match!”

“No wonder he went all out! If I had such a beauty, I’d go all out too!” The man in the blue tracksuit could not help but comment and the crowd laughed along.

“Is she your wife or your girlfriend? She’s pretty fine! Here, this is your prize, your spoils of war!” The man handed over a gift box and smiled as he said.

Wife?

Girlfriend?

Xi Xiaye frowned slightly. She was about to explain, but she saw that Mu Yuchen had already stretched out a hand to take the gift box. Distantly but courteously, he said, “Thank you. Your skills aren’t too bad either.”

“They’re alright. Compared to you, we aren’t on the same level. You wouldn’t happen to be a professional racer, would you? From the display of your skills, I’m afraid a normal professional racer wouldn’t have such capabilities either. In fact, given such a car model, it was really impressive!”

Mu Yuchen handed the gift box to Xi Xiaye before he shook his head indifferently and said in a lowered voice, “No.”

Accepting the gift box, Xi Xiaye saw that it was wrapped really well. There was even a delicate and beautifully tied ribbon on it.

“Miss, aren’t you going to open it to take a look? Initially, we thought that tonight’s gift would be Master Cheng’s for sure, but who’d have thought that an unexpected winner such as your husband would appear? You snagged our expensive and meticulously prepared gift so easily just like that. Master Cheng, you’ve got to try harder next time and please your woman.”

When he said, the tall, handsome guy called Master Cheng could only shake his head from the side and admit defeat, “My skills aren’t as good as his . There’s nothing I can do about it!”

When the crowd heard his sporting comeback, they instantly burst into laughter and teased Master Cheng for a bit.

“Miss, open it to take a look!”

“Yeah, I’m also very curious about what’s actually inside. Look at the way they’re being so mysterious!”

“Take a look! Is it some treasured object? We’re quite curious too.”

Beside her, people started to egg her on.

Xi Xiaye was startled. She subconsciously looked up to Mu Yuchen, yet his deep gaze just swept across her and then lowered to the gift in her hand. His thoughts were obvious. He wanted her to open the gift box and take a look at what was inside.

After falling silent for a while, Xiaye could only nod and then slowly pull the ribbon on the box. With suspense, she opened the gift box little by little. What came into view was...

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She was a beautiful Barbie doll with waist-length blonde hair, wrapped in a stunning and luxurious lilac princess dress. While she was very attractive, what attracted the people even more was the golden rose in the Barbie princess's hand!

Screaming with exquisite craftsmanship, a delicate stem propped up the rose in full bloom. Underneath the dim streetlights, one could still vaguely see that golden rose had hints of a flirtatious crimson. Its magnificence made it hard for one to tear their eyes away.

“Wow!”

Indeed, once the gift made its appearance, the crowd instantly cried out in surprise. Gasps were heard and everyone's eyes widened as they stared at the box in Xi Xiaye's hand. Many women had already covered their mouths on the spot as shrieks and whistles rang out.

“Such generosity! I say that the people at the club are too biased towards you! Good thing it was snagged by another master like you. Otherwise, I definitely wouldn't concede defeat!”

On the side, a sweet and pure-looking girl smiled and said as she looked at Xi Xiaye with envy, “Miss, you're so lucky! This was meticulously planned and prepared by our club. This flower is called ‘The Peak of Romance Under Speed’ and it's a token to wish you both happiness!”

Xi Xiaye was startled and she felt a little awkward. She looked up to Mu Yuchen, only to meet an unfathomable gaze. Just as her thin lips started to part and explain herself to the crowd, he suddenly tossed away the cigarette butt in his hand.

“Keep it. You drive. Let's go home.”

With those simple words, he waved to the crowd and walked around the car to get into the front passenger seat.

Xi Xiaye frowned when she saw that he had already gotten into the car while the crowd was still smiling and looking enviously at her. She inhaled slightly and put the gift box away. Gently pulling on the wide, black windbreaker on her, she returned to the vehicle and started the car.

The car started to drive steadily ahead again. The cold breeze continued to pour in from both sides of the car window and it was a little chilly. From the corner of her eye, she could see that he was gently covering his forehead with a hand and frowning as he lightly leaned back in the car seat.

After some thought, Xi Xiaye closed the car windows and turned the temperature in the car up. In her calm voice were hints of concern. "The wind is strong and might give one a slight headache."

Mu Yuchen calmly leaned back onto the seat and looked up gently. From the side, he quietly asked, "How long have you not practiced?"

He could tell that she had probably been wild once. Her movements just seemed a little out of practice.

When she heard him, Xi Xiaye paused. Her cold gaze greeted his knowing gaze and she fell silent for a while. Then, she suddenly laughed gently as if to mock herself. "You could tell?"

After a short pause, a soft sigh floating into his ear along with the thin air. "Three years. It's been three years. I don't have any special abilities. I just thought that racing was a very good way of venting my worries until... Later on, I suddenly felt like I've lost interest in everything. Then, I stopped going back. Indeed, there are some things that will slowly become unfamiliar after you've neglected it for too long..."

Mu Yuchen watched her silently, noticing that both her eyes were focused on staring ahead. Her slim body looked very frail and some undertones of loneliness and desolation were apparent on the fair and delicate side of her face. He stayed silent for a moment, then finally nodded gently. He tore his gaze away and slowly shut his eyes.

"Many people are used to stubbornly use other people's mistakes or the past to hurt themselves. However, this is actually a very stupid way to do things. Xi Xiaye, do you think you are someone like that?"

His voice suddenly calmly brushed past her ears...

Xi Xiaye, do you think you are someone like this?

Are you?

In that instant, Xi Xiaye found that she did not have an answer, so she remained silent. The light in her twinkling eyes started to shift. While he did not say anything either, he just leaned back to rest. The car gradually flowed with a vaguely warm atmosphere and the quiet air did not seem stiff.

The car steadily drove through the clean and long cement main street, making its way towards the Grand Waves Villa area. The guards at the entrance were already different from the one they had seen when they left that morning.

However, once the guard saw Mu Yuchen's car and the man himself resting in the front passenger seat, he very respectfully bowed at the car and swiftly opened the gates. He even stole a few more careful glances at Xi Xiaye who was in the driver's seat before he smiled and waved to greet her.

Xi Xiaye also nodded gently at him before driving the car in.

At the entrance of Maple Residence, Xi Xiaye steadily parked the car. Mu Yuchen seemed a little tired beside her, so much so that when the car stopped, he was still leaning back with both eyes closed and his breath was even.

She thought about it for a moment before looking at him to gently call out, "We're here. Get down. Go home and sleep."

After she said that, she did not see him react for a long time, yet his brows were still furrowed deeply. He seemed like he was not very comfortable.

"Mu Yuchen?" Xi Xiaye could only raise her voice a little.

This was when Mu Yuchen opened his eyes which were heavy with fatigue. He took a look at Xi Xiaye, then pushed the car door open to get down.

These past few days, he had been pulling all-nighters. Last night, he was even up all the way to daybreak, and they had gone out and about that entire day. His body, which was on the weaker side, could not quite hold up. Further affected by the cold winds, he suddenly felt quite drowsy.

Xi Xiaye put the car keys on the gift box in her hands before handing the entire thing over to Mu Yuchen as she smiled and said, "Go back and rest well. Thank you for today. I haven't been this happy in a long time."

Mu Yuchen turned his body sideways. Seeing her beautiful little face flash with a bright and contented smile while her beautiful eyes filled with currents of gratitude, his indifferent face flashed with peace too. He nodded gently and lifted a hand to accept the gift and the car keys.

"The prize is yours," he simply said before beaming. Before Xi Xiaye could answer, he had already turned around and walked into Maple Residence.

Xi Xiaye was shocked and she quickly raised the gift box in her hand. "But..."

"Have you ever seen a man like a Barbie doll or a rose? It suits you quite well." His deep voice indistinctly floated in the night breeze while his figure gradually vanished from her sight...

Xi Xiaye was stunned for a moment. The light in her beautiful eyes shifted and she looked over at the direction in which his figure vanished for a long time. Only when she saw the lights on the second floor of the villa light up did she regain her senses. She fell silent for a while and finally sighed to herself before walking towards her own car.

She put the gift box on the front passenger seat. Starting the car, she then left Maple Residence.

Maple Residence was still quite a distance from where her apartment was. Xi Xiaye took a huge round before returning to the area she stayed at. By the time she lugged a huge bunch of her belongings back home, it was already late at night. She had a quick shower, prepared the next day's meeting materials, and then fell asleep from exhaustion.

She had just received a call from Vice President Liu. The next morning at 9 a.m., Glory World Corporation's new Chairman was taking over, so naturally, she needed to be well-prepared.

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The next morning, Xi Xiaye woke up as usual. She got ready and went out with a thick briefcase and her own handbag after having a light breakfast.

As she went to get her car in the garage, she realized that the black windbreaker Mu Yuchen had given her the day before was quietly sitting on the front passenger seat. She frowned and remembered that she had forgotten to return it to him.

She hesitated for a bit, then put it in her bag. Putting her briefcase and handbag on the side, she started the car.

The car moved towards the direction of Glory World Corporation swiftly. Along the way, Xi Xiaye looked around for a laundry shop and finally found one.

"When can I get it back?" Xi Xiaye asked as she took the receipt.

"It'll be done tomorrow, Miss," replied the shopkeeper.

Xi Xiaye nodded. "Thank you. I'll come and pick it up tomorrow evening."

She kept the receipt and returned to her car. It had taken her quite some time to find a laundry shop and she hoped that she could make it as she had never been late to work before.

She sped up as she thought about it.

At the moment, in the middle of the busy Tor Avenue in City Z, before the entrance of an enormous building, five men in black suits and two similarly clothed women were standing there attentively as if they were waiting for someone.

Every employee was surprised. The seven of them were the top elites of the company: the three Vice Presidents and the four Directors. They were not usually seen in public, so it was surprising to see them all gathered at the entrance. Some big shot must be arriving that day.

“I heard the new Chairman Mu is coming. Otherwise, there’s no way that these Vice Presidents and Directors would wait here!”

“That’s right! The Master is coming and so is his elite think tank from abroad. All of them are handsome blondes! I’m really looking forward to it!”

“Right! I really want to see how the Master looks like. Everyone said that he’s extraordinary... A handsome man approved by all of City Z. I wonder what kind of woman he likes...”

“Get lost! It’s definitely not someone like you. Hmm, why are there only seven people? I don’t see Director Xi...”

“Where is she? Could it be that she’s not attending events like this too? Oops, the guards are coming over. Let’s go!”

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The employees started gossiping and only left the scene when the security guards chased them away.

“Vice President Liu, isn’t Director Xi really arrogant now? Doesn’t she know that the new Chairman Mu is coming today? How can she be so late?”

An unhappy voice broke the silence. Among the group of the top brass at the entrance, a woman in a grey suit huffed impatiently.

The woman had a good figure, a sharp chin, and even sharper eyes. She looked very capable. With light makeup on, she appeared around 30 years old, but she was actually nearly 40 and was one of the project directors of Glory World Corporation.

Vice President Liu who she called out to was Vice President Liu Lingyu, a skinny, middle-aged man. The old Chairman had recognized his capabilities and appointed him as Vice President.

Glory World Corporation had three Vice Presidents in total: Liu Lingyu, Wen Haiming, and Zhang Lan. They were all talented individuals in the field of business and had stayed in Glory World Corporation for over 20 years.

Under the Vice Presidents were the Directors. Many of them were sent away to other subsidiary companies. Including Xi Xiaye, there were currently five directors in the main branch of the company.

The woman who had spoken up just now was one of the directors. Her name was Liu Peilian and while she was a capable individual, she was not very popular with her colleagues. Nevertheless, she performed her job well, which was why she could reach the position of being a director.

“Director Xi requested leave from me yesterday. She’s probably sick, so it’s understandable that she might be late. Chairman Mu isn’t here yet, is he?” Liu Lingyu glanced at Liu Peilian unhappily.

The person who had called him yesterday was Chairman Mu. Director Xi must have know Chairman Mu personally, but Xi Xiaye was always on time. Why was she running late today?

Liu Lingyu was worried about her.

He was the one who had brought Xi Xiaye up ever since she joined the company. The girl was smart and hardworking. As she was one of his best subordinates, of course, Liu Lingyu would be unhappy when Liu Peilian criticized her.

Liu Peilian kept her mouth shut after being told off. She glanced over at Vice President Wen Haiming who just glared back at her unhappily without saying anything.

The female Vice President Zhang Lan hesitated for a while before voicing out her thoughts, “Vice President Liu, it’s a big event that Chairman Mu is coming for today. Would he feel disrespected with so few people welcoming him?”

“The Master doesn’t like causing a big fuss. It’s fine as it is. Just wait patiently!” Liu Lingyu replied and then rubbernecked into the distance. Finally, several black luxurious cars slowly came closer.

“He’s here!”

They were surprised and quickly stepped forward.

Four cars slowly stopped in front of the entrance of Glory World Corporation. The car up front stopped right beside the door and three cars followed right behind it.

The doors of the three cars in the back opened quickly as four handsome, blonde, foreign men came out. Each of them was flanked by two bodyguards in black suits and sunglasses.

“Master, we’ve arrived!” Li Si got down from the car swiftly and opened the door of the passenger seat.

Mu Yuchen who was still reading the meeting documents slowly closed the files. He handed them to Li Si and stepped out of the car.

“Congratulations for taking over Glory World Corporation, Master!” Under the lead of Liu Lingyu, the management team went up to congratulate him.

Mu Yuchen wore a casual, white suit that day. As he stood before the entrance of Glory World Corporation, he raised his head and took a long look at the tall building that almost reached the clouds. His eyes brightened a little, then they returned back to their usual calmness.

He nodded and then walked right through the entrance. Abruptly, he said, “Inform all the related personnel that I’d like to have a meeting now.”

He disappeared after leaving the message with Li Si and Ah Mo quickly following him.

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Soon, the crowd at the entrance quickly caught up with the figure in white.

Just several moments after the crowd left, Xi Xiaye rushed into the building with her thick briefcase.

It was already past 9 a.m. and it was her first time being late to work. Moreover, given that it was the first day of the new chairman arriving, hopefully, the new Chairman Mu would not give her trouble on this special day.

She sighed and without giving much thought to it, she went straight up to the meeting room on the 57th floor.

At this moment, inside the clean and neat meeting room on the 57th floor, the long tables were sandwiched by people, and the room was filled with a heavy atmosphere.

As everyone was looking at the handsome but distant young man, he was studying several freshly submitted projects. With his face devoid of expression at the moment, he caused a certain degree of uneasiness for everyone.

Most of them had heard about Chairman Mu's unorthodox method of expanding the business abroad, and everyone was worried misfortune would befall them as there were internal rumors about him intending to restructure the management level.

Now, everyone was just staring at Mu Yuchen while trying to not make a sound.

After a while, Mu Yuchen put the document down and raised his head to face everybody. His eyes glanced over at an empty seat on his right side and he frowned.

"Is someone on leave today?"

Li Si quickly responded when he saw Mu Yuchen's reaction, "Chairman Mu, that's Director Xi's spot. She might've been delayed by something since she's always on time. I'll give her a call now and check what happened to her."

A tall and cool man stood up anxiously. Just as he was about to call Xi Xiaye, hurried footsteps came right into the meeting room. Before anyone could react, the door to the meeting room was opened from the outside.

“Sorry, I’m late!” Xi Xiaye halted in her tracks and apologized. Her face was slightly red due to her rushing.

She caught her breath and scanned everyone over. As she was shuffling towards her place, the man chairing the meeting gave her a shock.

How could it be him!?

Mu Yuchen...

The new chairman of Glory World Corporation, her current boss!

It took a while for Xi Xiaye to come back to her senses. It was no wonder that she thought his name was familiar when he told her yesterday...

Mu Yuchen raised his head and looked at the girl who had just barged in. His eyes seemed calm as ever while some people were throwing mixed glances over at Xi Xiaye.

“Go back to your seat. There’ll be no exceptions the next time.”

Mu Yuchen then turned away.

Xi Xiaye nodded and went over to her seat. She quickly pulled the meeting documents out of her briefcase.

The meeting room fell silent once again.

After a moment, Mu Yuchen spoke in his deep and cold voice, "Who's in charge of the project with the Wang Corporation in City S? Please report on the progress."

The manager-in-charge stood up nervously as he flipped through the documents and started giving an update.

The manager endured through the pressure and reported the whole progress of the project clearly. Historically, it was impossible for a manager in Glory World Corporation to break under such a meager challenge.

Mu Yuchen did not say anything and just sat there as he quietly listened to the manager's report. He just nodded and reminded him of several important pointers to take note at the end.

Moving forward were the reports for several big projects which were handled by special teams and were not under Xi Xiaye, so she just listened and did not give any opinions.

"Director Xi, please tell us about the progress for New Era Plaza."

Xi Xiaye just realized Liu Lingyu had already finished his report and it was now her turn.

There was a short silence before she flipped her documents open.

Her voice was cold and firm. "The New Era Plaza project is all completed. Currently, we're in the latter phase of observation to monitor the business operations. I've analyzed the data here. The outcome is similar to our expectations. More detailed information will require further market research."

She then raised her head and looked at the cool Mu Yuchen.

Mu Yuchen nodded. Li Si went towards Xi Xiaye and took the documents from her and handed them to him.

He flipped through them and finally said something after being quiet for a long time, "I've gone to New Era Plaza personally. It looks pretty good in general. Vice President Liu, get someone to follow up on it and it'll be fine."

He slowly closed the documents as he spoke.

"I went to the South River Bridge yesterday and remembered that someone did a proposal about developing that area before. I've discussed it with the Vice Presidents and we think it has potential although it's being put aside due to other projects like New Era Plaza and Jewellery City."

Mu Yuchen turned around and looked at Li Si who quickly passed him another document.

Looking through it, he gave Li Si an eye signal and the latter then handed some photocopies to the few Vice Presidents present.

Liu Lingyu explained, "Chairman Mu, this proposal was made by Director Xi and Director Chu, who's been stationed outside now. I feel that their combined effort was bold and very fresh, so I handed the proposal to the old chairman."

"Now that New Era Plaza and Jewelry City are finishing up, I'd like to try this proposal, but I'll need a more specific proposal. Is there anyone confident enough to take this project up?" Mu Yuchen said and then looked at everyone.

They all glanced at one another. After some whispering here and there, everyone coincidentally locked their eyes onto Xi Xiaye.

The number of resources and materials required for such a big project would be unimaginable. Many people would love to try their hand at it but were afraid to.

It was a super huge project with a shockingly enormous amount of investment. While she was the one who suggested it, it would still be a challenging task for her to carry it out.

As Xi Xiaye was about to decline, the man at the front seemed to have already made his decision and took away her chances of rejecting it.

Chapter 26. Xi Xiaye, I Believe In You (1)

“Since that is so, I hope that you’ll take charge of this project, Director Xi. I’ll give you a month’s time and hopefully, you can present a sound proposal at the next monthly meeting. Any problems?” Mu Yuchen’s deep and calm voice concluded.

Xi Xiaye frowned slightly and looked at the documents Liu Lingyu had handed her. She hesitated for some time before looking up at Mu Yuchen who was reading through some documents. “I...”

He raised his head slightly when he heard her voice, his quiet, dark eyes meeting hers. He spoke up when he saw Xi Xiaye hesitating, “You can tell me if you face any difficulties. I’ll get two experienced assistants to help you. Aren’t you confident in yourself, Director Xi?”

Xi Xiaye was surprised by his tone as she realized that he had a lot of faith in her. Vice President Liu Lingyu kept signaling her with his eyes, so she helplessly nodded and said, “Thank you for having faith in me, President Mu. I’ll do my best and not let you down.”

Mu Yuchen nodded and then looked at everyone. “I hope everybody can work on your delegated tasks. Talk less and do more. There’ll be rewards if the quota is met every quarter. If there’s a surplus of results, I’ll take 5% of the pure profits from your department and give it as a bonus. How much you get depends on how hard you work.”

“Yes, Master! We’ll do our best!”

Everyone was hyped up. Who would not be excited to know that they could get more money?

It was unexpected for Chairman Mu to be so generous and use such reinforcements to encourage the employees. Would everyone not work hard in order to get the bonus? They would get more if they worked more!

“Any more problems?” Mu Yuchen asked.

Everyone shook their heads.

“Meeting adjourned.”

Mu Yuchen stood up and left the meeting room with Li Si and Ah Mo swiftly following him.

The others left the meeting room as well.

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Xi Xiaye’s office was on the 51st floor which had a simple and elegant design and was pretty spacious as well. Behind the large office table was a huge window. Outside the window, one could see the sea. Altogether, it was a very pleasant working environment.

Tok-tok!

There was a rap on her door moments after Xi Xiaye sat down.

“Come in!” Xi Xiaye had her eyes glued onto her computer screen and just reacted plainly.

The door opened and her assistant Xiao Mei came in, bowing politely. “Director Xi, Chairman Mu’s assistant Li Si called and said that Chairman Mu wants you to go to his office.”

The Chairman’s office?

Xi Xiaye paused before raising her head and looking at Xiao Mei. She hesitated for a moment and then nodded. “I got it.”

“I’ll get back to work then!”

Xiao Mei then left the room swiftly.

Xi Xiaye felt a sudden headache as she was reminded of the new development project. It was difficult for her to handle such a huge project alone. She might need to gather a team and conduct a thorough analysis. Only then she might come up with a more complete proposal.

She thought that she would have to share her sentiments to her supervisor.

She was about to tell Liu Lingyu about it, but she remembered that it was Mu Yuchen who had appointed her directly and not through Liu Lingyu, so she probably had to tell him anyway.

Xi Xiaye stood up and left the office with the documents on her table.

The chairman's office was on the 58th floor, the top floor of the building.

When Xi Xiaye arrived, she saw Ah Mo come out of the room with a stack of documents in his hands. He greeted politely when he saw Xi Xiaye, "Director Xi!"

Xiaye nodded slightly and her fair face softened. She had a favorable impression of Ah Mo as he had helped her on several occasions like when she burnt her hand.

"Hello, Assistant Ah Mo!" She replied.

"Please go in first. However, you might need to wait for a while because Master is talking to the Elder Madam!" Ah Mo made a phone calling gesture with his hand.

"Mmm, I'll wait inside. You can go on with your work." Xi Xiaye smiled as she looked at the stack of thick documents in his hands.

Ah Mo patted the stack of documents and passed by her as he smiled.

Xi Xiaye knocked on the door, but the door opened by itself after knocking. It was not locked.

She pushed the door and saw Mu Yuchen standing facing away from her while on a phone call.

Mu Yuchen turned around when he heard footsteps. He nodded lightly at Xi Xiaye when he saw her enter before he pointed at the desk nearby.

“I know, you don’t have to worry. I hope nothing similar happens in the future again.”

Mu Yuchen spoke to Wang Hui with a slightly impatient tone. She was really desperate to find him a partner. Sometimes, it would be the granddaughter of an old comrade. Another time, it might be the daughter of some high-ranking official. He was really getting tired of her nagging these past few days.

“Chen, I’m doing this for your own good. You said that you’re busy working, so I’ve filtered the girls for you, and you can look through them and marry one that you like. Isn’t it great to kill two birds with one stone? You get a wife, we get a granddaughter-in-law. Businessmen like win-win situations and this is a win-win deal. Your grandfather and I are really bored after retiring. If you don’t get us something to do, of course, we’ll bug you,” Wang Hui said forcefully.

“I told you that you can go to France to relax with Grandfather. Lingshi’s over there now on a holiday. She’ll only come back after some time, so you guys can get her to accompany you.” Mu Yuchen’s indifferent tone came through the phone.

However, Wang Hui was starting to get impatient. How could she let this brat avoid this issue after so long?

“I don’t care. I want my granddaughter-in-law. I want a great grandkid. Just you wait and see if I don’t get them by next year. You’re the same as your grandfather. You guys won’t do it if I’m not forceful enough!”

Wang Hui’s angry tone came through the phone, making Mu Yuchen frown. “Grandmother...”

“I’m reaching the company soon. I’ll talk to you later. You’d better watch out if you dare give me any more excuses again!”

Before Mu Yuchen could say anything, Wang Hui hung up.

The loud voice even reached Xi Xiaye who was silently flipping through the documents at the moment. She never expected that Chairman Mu of Glory World Corporation would face such a situation at home as well.

However, Mu Yuchen and her had met through that silly game of blind dating too. Xi Xiaye could not help but smile as she suddenly thought about how funny it was.

Chapter 27. Xi Xiaye, I Believe In You (2)

Mu Yuchen put his phone down. The moment he turned over, he saw Xi Xiaye trying to hide her simper as she looked down at the documents.

He paused and then smiled. “You can laugh if you think it’s funny. You don’t have to hold it in.”

He then walked past Xi Xiaye and sat in his chair.

Xi Xiaye laughed lightly and said, “No, it’s just... I didn’t expect you to be the same as me...”

“I take it that you’re always bothered by such problems as well?” Mu Yuchen raised his eyebrows, his eyes brightening slightly.

Xi Xiaye nodded in embarrassment. “Su Nan and my mother are very worried about me, so...”

“Mmm, I remember, like when we first met.”

Xi Xiaye smiled and raised up her scalded hand. “Yes, I’m really grateful for your help again and again. I have no idea how to repay you.”

Help again and again?

Mu Yuchen laughed as his tone was accompanied by a sense of gentleness and rare humor. "There are lots of ways to repay someone. One good example is to devote your heart to that person."

Xi Xiaye was stunned. She felt awkward and did not know what to say.

Mu Yuchen quickly covered up the awkward situation as he looked at her and pointed at the documents she was holding. "This was the proposal you've submitted before. I've looked through it and made some revisions. Take them as a reference and I'm sure it'll help you out on your workload."

Xi Xiaye opened the documents and scanned through them. Indeed, several details had been revised and he had written the words personally. His writing seemed powerful and charismatic just like the man himself.

She was surprised and impressed. After a while, she looked at him calmly and said, "I'll submit a thorough proposal to you a month later."

"You can let me know what you need. This project might be the main focus of next year, so we have to be meticulous in the initial phase of work."

"I got it. I think I might need to set up a team to conduct a detailed analysis research to come up with a targeted plan," said Xi Xiaye after giving it some thought.

"I'll have Ruiz and Casey help you. As for setting up a team, it's up to you. The company will coordinate with your plans. Right, there are a few images here that might be useful to you."

Mu Yuchen then swiftly typed a bunch of words on his laptop. Then, he opened a folder with several design images inside.

Xi Xiaye moved and stood beside him, focusing on the screen.

“This is the design for a project in France. It’s going through a review at the moment, but it’s similar to the project you’re doing, so you can take it as a reference.”

Going through a review?

Was it not a top secret file of the company then?

Xi Xiaye looked at Mu Yuchen in surprise. Suddenly, she had no idea what to say.

Without waiting for a reply, Mu Yuchen looked away from the screen and raised his head to see Xi Xiaye looking at him.

He smiled as he suddenly thought of something. There was a short silence before he said, “Xi Xiaye, I believe in you.”

His words moved Xi Xiaye deeply.

As a person so proud that she did not even bother to explain herself, it was so much like the previous version of her, which was what made him believe in her.

Xi Xiaye’s hand that was holding the document clenched slightly and her fingernails slowly turned white. Her eyes shifted with a distant light as she took a shallow breath and nodded after a while. Just as she was about to say something, there was a quick knock on the door.

They both looked at each other and then looked at the door together while Li Si entered.

“Master, Elder Madam is already here. She...”

Mu Yuchen frowned when he heard Li Si’s news.

“I’ll go back down first.” Xi Xiaye quickly packed her documents.

“There are copies of the design. If you want to look at them, just come over anytime,” Mu Yuchen assured.

“Okay.”

Xi Xiaye then swiftly left the office.

Time passed by quickly after a day of busy work. Soon, evening came. Xi Xiaye wanted to get home earlier to start preparing for the upcoming project, but she had an unexpected visitor at the entrance of Glory World Corporation.

“What are you doing here?”

On top of the stairs, Xi Xiaye looked at the sad and gentle-looking Xi Xinyi. Her expression darkened and she put up a cold aura around her. Her icy reaction made Xi Xinyi pale.

“Sis...” Xi Xinyi called out to her feebly, “The company is in trouble. Grandmother was too worried and suddenly fainted. I’ve been calling you but couldn’t get through, so I came here directly. Please go and take a look at her. Father is still in City B and can’t come back now. Mother is worried that Grandfather might overthink, so she did not tell him. She’s waiting outside the operating room now. I don’t know what to do and I’m scared... Grandmother hasn’t been well for some time... I’m really worried, Sis...”

Xi Xinyi’s eyes were filled with fear as she just stared at Xi Xiaye.

The company was in trouble?

Xi Xiaye frowned. How was it that Yueying Culture Media under Grandmother was not doing well? She had seen from the television that they had just contracted several big projects and were really busy with it recently, so why was there suddenly an issue?

“Which hospital?” Xi Xiaye asked after a small pause.

Xi Xinyi replied quickly.

Xi Xiaye had mixed feelings regarding her grandmother Deng Wenwen. Before Xi Xinyi came to her family, her grandparents had really doted on her. Then, everything changed after Xi Xinyi arrived. She became the stranger at the corner, watching them laugh together like a real family.

“Xiaye, your sister likes your room. Swap with her.”

“Xiaye, Xinyi is attending a dinner with me. Let her wear the dress I bought for you before. You’ve never worn it anyway.”

“Xiaye, how could you let Xinyi into the water knowing she has a frail body? What have I taught you?”

“Since Han Yifeng and Xinyi like each other, why are you so stubborn? Wouldn’t you be happier letting them be together?”

“You’re the mayor’s daughter. Don’t you have all the men in City Z to pick from? You’re making everyone uneasy. Your grandfather fell sick because of you as well. How can you be so selfish?! Why do you have to fight with Xinyi?”

“You’re really childish. I’m so disappointed in you!”

Suddenly Deng Wenwen’s words echoed clearly in her ears and she felt a pang of anguish in her chest.

Sometimes when a person ran away from a certain something, fate would haunt the person with that same thing.

When they arrived at Hospital T, Deng Wenwen had just finished her surgery and was on the way to the recovery ward.

The doctor had said that it was a sudden stroke and that she would have died if she had not reached the hospital in time.

Xi Xiaye stood by her bedside and looked at Deng Wenwen who was still unconscious. Yue Lingsi looked worried. When she looked at Xi Xiaye, her eyes seemed strange and she also frequently stole glances at Xi Xiaye.

“What’s wrong?” Xi Xiaye asked coldly.

Chapter 28. Cold Kinship

Yue Lingsi’s eyes lit up, but her expression darkened. She took a deep breath and said, “Yueying Culture Media contracted several big projects some time ago. The company was focused on them when suddenly, the investors backed out. The Vice President ran away after embezzling a huge sum of money from the company, and now Yueying is facing a huge financial crisis. Your grandmother...”

Backed out?

Why did that happen so suddenly?

Xi Xiaye looked at Yue Lingsi in doubt, her eyes filled with sorrow.

“It all started with Xinyi. The master of Qi Kai Group has been interested in Xinyi for a long time now and wanted to marry her, but you know Xinyi and Yifeng are inseparable, so, of course, she wouldn’t agree to marry that person. Then, Qi Kai Group backed out in anger, and under such circumstances, the Vice President stole the company’s funds and ran away. Your grandmother was extremely shocked about it and passed out.”

Yue Lingsi suddenly turned around and looked at Xi Xiaye. After a while of struggling, she finally mustered her courage and said, “Xiaye, I know the whole thing about Han Yifeng is Xinyi’s fault. All of us still can’t get over it in the past few years, especially your grandparents. They’re really worried about you.

“However, Han Yifeng and you are matters of the past. He’s truly in love with Xinyi and I hope that you can move on and let them be. Your grandmother has been really worried about you. She’s afraid that you might not be taking care of yourself well alone, so she’s been trying to find you a good partner.”

At this point, Yue Lingsi paused and her eyes held a very faint sense of insincerity. She bit her lip and said, "Actually, the master of Qi Kai Group isn't bad at all. He's tall and handsome and comes from a rich and prestigious family. All the women in City Z are dying to marry into the Qi family, which is pretty decent. I know the lady of the Qi family. They're an easygoing bunch..."

Xi Xiaye's eyes turned cold upon listening to her. Steeling herself, she put up an icy cold grin and asked, "So what?"

"So... so..."

Yue Lingsi looked down.

"Let me say it." An old and exhausted voice interrupted them.

"Are you awake now, Mother? How are you feeling? The doctor said you've overexerted yourself. You can't get worked up..."

Yue Lingsi seemed surprised and went up to her. Xi Xiaye realized that Deng Wenwen had already opened her eyes without anyone even noticing. Her old pair of eyes were still looking sharp.

"Help me get up."

While Deng Wenwen's voice sounded weak, her aura was still as strong as ever.

Yue Lingsi helped her up and put two pillows behind her back while Xi Xiaye just stood there as she watched Deng Wenwen silently and calmly.

"Sit down!"

Deng Wenwen's tone sounded a little frosty. Obviously, she was not very pleased with Xi Xiaye. "Do you still know that you're a member of the Xi family? You don't even come back when your grandfather was sick or when your sister came back? What's wrong with you?"

Xi Xiaye maintained her cold grin as she accepted the scolding. "Why should I go back? I'd go to a doctor if I was sick, I'd go back home to eat. What can I do if I go back there?"

Deng Wenwen did not anticipate Xi Xiaye to talk back to her. Back then, no matter how much she was criticized, Xi Xiaye would just keep quiet and now...

Deng Wenwen frowned and her expression darkened. Yue Lingsi quickly exclaimed, "Xiaye, how could you talk to your grandmother like that? Your grandmother can't take any more stress now! The doctor told us just now, didn't you hear?"

Xi Xiaye's grin grew wider as she stood straight and turned to face the window. It was as if she did not hear Yue Lingsi's words.

"Yueying is the blood and flesh of the Xi family, so she's also my family. I never expected to face something like this and it's my fault. I know you've been upset about Xinyi and Yifeng, but don't you forget that you're part of our family too. How can family members hold grudges against each other? Moreover, everyone can see that Xinyi has been really worried about you for the past few years."

Deng Wenwen softened after looking at Xi Xiaye for a while. "It's not a critical moment for the Xi family. I just hope that we can unite together and overcome this challenge. We have to get those big projects from the Qi Kai Group. In the current industry, with Yueying facing such circumstances..."

"That's right, Xiaye. Yueying is the hard work of us Xi family. All of your grandmother's effort is in it. You have to save Yueying!" Yue Lingsi pleaded anxiously.

"I save Yueying? How? Did you guys appoint me to take a high position in Yueying? Or do you guys think I'm some sort of ruler of Qi Kai Group?"

Xi Xiaye thought it was a joke.

“You can save Yueying as long as you agree to marry the master of Qi Kai Group. If you’d agree to marry him in place of Xinyi, then it’d solve all these problems. After all, you look quite similar to Xinyi, so the master of Qi Kai Group will surely be happy with your looks. The Qi family wanted a daughter-in-law from a prestigious family and you’re the mayor’s daughter. So, with that fact and your looks, it’ll definitely be enough!”

Deng Wenwen’s eyes were brimming with confidence as she spoke.

Xi Xiaye inherited the beauty features of Shen Wenna. Her looks and aura were a notch higher compared to Xi Xinyi’s. If it were not for her personality, if it were not for... Deng Wenwen still willing to love her, unfortunately...

Xi Xiaye was stunned. Very strong dark thoughts muddled her head as she stared at Deng Wenwen, thinking that she had misheard something. “What did you say just now? Marry the master of Qi Kai Group in place of Xi Xinyi?”

“Xiaye, the master of Qi Kai Group is great. Qi Lei is the only son of the Qi family. With their huge business and background, it’s even bigger than the Han Corporation. With all that, you can forget about Han Yifeng soon, and maybe you can even get married on the same day as them!” Yue Lingsi explained excitedly.

“So, you guys can’t wait to push me out and get me to replace Xi Xinyi as your bargaining chip to solve Yueying’s crisis?” Xi Xiaye turned to look at Deng Wenwen with an air of indifference and a forced smile.

Chapter 29. Marriage? Dream On!

Xi Xiaye could not believe they had actually uttered those words to her.

After all these years, they still thought of her as the little coward who would just obey whatever they said. As long as she was ever slightly useful, they would never let go of her!

“What do I have to do with Yueying? Because of the 10% of shares Grandfather said he’d give me back then? What else? Just what does Yueying have to do with me aside from that virtual 10 % of shares I have?” Xi Xiaye’s eyes were mocking them while she looked at them coldly.

“To be honest, I have no idea how both of you can still ask me of this. Aren’t you always acting all high and mighty since you guys really think you’ve given a lot for me? Why should I become the sacrificial lamb of this marriage?”

Her cold taunting made Deng Wenwen’s sharp eyes cloud over with madness!

Xi Xiaye had changed so much!

She would never have said something like this before, but in just a few years, she had totally changed. Deng Wenwen looked horrified and even Yue Lingsi clenched her fists while staring at Xi Xiaye.

“Xiaye, can you agree to this for Xinyi’s sake? Qi Lei is much better than Han Yifeng.” Yue Lingsi’s tone softened and she started begging.

“Then, why don’t you let Xi Xinyi marry him? He’s that great anyway, maybe even better. Moreover, you said the master of Qi Kai Group is interested in Xi Xinyi, so why should I marry him in place of her?”

Xi Xiaye found Yue Lingsi ludicrous.

Deng Wenwen glared at Xi Xiaye. “Xiaye, don’t you dare forget that Xinyi saved your life at the deep alley behind our old residence! That dagger would’ve stabbed you if it weren’t for her. Since then, her body has been frail and it’s all because of you! How could you be so ungrateful?”

Xinyi saved your life!

Ungrateful?

Xi Xiaye’s body frozen and her face went pale.

She forgot?

How could she forget about it?

It was that night, that moment when Xi Xinyi jumped towards her that the Fates decided Xi Xiaye would lose everything!

She could never forget the scene where Han Yifeng desperately grabbed Xi Xinyi and rushed out. She could never forget that slap from Deng Wenwen which made her cheek sting. She also could never forget the cold and stern glare from her father...

What could she say? She actually did not need Xi Xinyi's help at all!

What could she say? That she could have avoided it, but Xi Xinyi freaked out and grabbed her hands, making her unable to react quickly?

Why had Han Yifeng been there? Where did the perpetrators come from? Did they not think of these things?

Xi Xiaye suddenly laughed at herself wryly. "I see... It seems that you guys resort to this same reason every time you want to force me to do something. I really had no idea that it'd be so difficult to repay someone's debt."

"I'm just telling the truth. It's because of that incident that Xinyi's body is still frail now. Don't you think that you should be responsible?"

Deng Wenwen stopped playing nice. Her tone became frigid. "Your grandfather's birthday is coming up soon. I don't want to argue with you right now. Just come home on that day and we'll talk it out with everyone else."

She almost forgot that Deng Wenwen was a headstrong person. The words from her mouth were like an order, forcing anyone to obey her.

Xi Xiaye chuckled instead of getting angry. Looking at Deng Wenwen and Yue Lingsi indifferently, her thin lips formed a smile. "Of course, I'll go back since it's Grandfather's birthday, but to sacrifice myself

for the sake of Xi Xinyi and you guys? Dream on! Also, I suddenly think that Yueying going downhill and even becoming bankrupt might be the one thing I look forward to! Oh right! Isn't Xi Xinyi an international star? She might be able to save Yueying since she's a much bigger lifesaver than me!"

Xi Xiaye took her sunglasses out and put them after her speech. She spun on her heel coolly and walked right out.

Deng Wenwen's blood pressure nearly spiraled out of control again as she glared at Xi Xiaye angrily as she left. If it were not for Yue Lingsi, she would have gone berserk.

"That's fantastic! Great! She's all grown up now! What a nuisance!" Deng Wenwen was gasping for air as she shouted.

"Mother, what should we do now? With her being like this now, we can never convince her!" Yue Lingsi frowned and was feeling desperate. "Mother! Xi Xiaye isn't taking the Xi family seriously anymore. I heard that she's climbing higher up the corporate ladder of Glory World Corporation, so she's acting all high and mighty now. Unfortunately, Xinyi is still worried that she's not doing well."

"What can she do? No matter what she becomes, she's still the flesh and blood of the Xi family! I'll have my ways to make her succumb to me!" Deng Wenwen was no ordinary woman; her cocky stare reassured Yue Lingsi.

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Walking past the dark corridor in the hospital, the pathway suddenly felt infinitely long. There was no end no matter how far she walked...

Xi Xiaye swallowed the bitterness and just smiled at herself. She found herself a pitiful wreck. Never expecting the people closest to her to rob her of her family and the love of her life, she could not believe that not only did they want her to forgive her. They even wanted to use her as a bargaining chip.

It was not that she did not care. She just naively thought that things would still stay the same if she made some compromises, but sometimes, it would not matter how many sacrifices she made.

“Sis, are you going back? How’s Grandmother?”

Turning around the corner, she saw Xi Xinyi coming up to her as she clung onto Han Yifeng intimately.

Xi Xinyi’s frail beauty garnered people’s sympathy easily. The moment she saw Xi Xiaye, she let go of Han Yifeng and went up to her, her expression appearing apologetic and sad.

Xi Xiaye did not even look at them and just walked past them. Her eyes seemed as calm as ever like she was just walking past air...

Her skinny figure soon disappeared under the dim light. Xi Xinyi started to tear up and Han Yifeng’s heart sank slightly as well as he held Xi Xinyi in his arms.

Chapter 30. An Invitation Card

Night soon fell and the busy city was still lively as ever.

In the chairman’s office on the 58th floor of Glory World Corporation.

Mu Yuchen stood before the window and his watchful eyes were looking at the countless lights below with a calm expression. He had two-thirds of a cigarette butt left in between his fingers and there was a faint smell of tobacco in the air.

“Master, Mayor Xi has just sent an invitation card over. It’s Elder Xi’s 70th birthday this weekend. Are we attending?” Assistant Li Si’s voice came from behind him.

“Mayor Xi?”

Mu Yuchen frowned a little as he wondered who the sender was.

“It’s the mayor of City Z, Xi Mushan. Elder Xi Jiyang has stepped down from the government. He used to work in the same position as the one our old Master is in right now.”

Li Si explained quietly, "Back then, the old chairman would usually send gifts during Elder Xi's birthday, or he would attend it personally, but now Old Master has gone abroad and won't be back anytime soon. The current Mayor Xi is someone powerful. I heard he removed a huge group of people the moment he stepped up and several big enterprises fell because of this, so..."

Mu Yuchen extinguished the cigarette as Li Si finished his sentence. Turning around and taking the invitation card from Li Si's hand, he opened it and took a glance, then he swiftly returned it back to Li Si.

"We'll send a gift to him then."

He then picked up his windbreaker and simply slung it over his shoulder, he then walked out.

"Got it, Master! I'll call Ah Mo over to drive."

Li Si picked his briefcase up and caught up with him.

"It's fine. Load the things into the car. I'll drive myself tonight."

Mu Yuchen's skinny figure disappeared out of the door after he issued his order.

On the other hand...

Xi Xiaye did not go back home after leaving Hospital T. Instead, she went back to the company, exhausted.

The weekend started the next day, but in her hurry, she had forgotten that she had left some documents in the office. Because she wanted to put in more effort since she was assigned to such a big project, she was going to use the weekend to arrange her thoughts.

No matter what, life went on. She forced herself to endure the bitterness and did not want to think about it anymore.

The office was empty when she returned. Except for the security guards and cleaners, she did not see anyone else.

She swiftly left the office after retrieving the documents.

The company was very quiet at night and she did not have to wait long for the lift as well.

She was flipping through the documents while waiting for the lift when she heard the sound of a bell and the door opening. She walked in without looking at all.

She did not notice that the closed lift door had caught the hem of her shirt. As a result, she tripped on her high heels after walking several steps inside.

She screamed and all the documents in her hands scattered around. She thought that she was about to hit the ground, but a strong hand prevented that. Falling into a warm chest instead, the fresh scent of tobacco filled her nose, then she heard a light chuckle.

“Be careful. Why are you always so clumsy?”

It was a very familiar voice!

Xi Xiaye raised her head and saw Mu Yuchen’s handsome face along with his grin. His eyes looked like the stars in the skies and Xi Xiaye almost got lost in them. Fortunately, her strong willpower swooped her back to reality swiftly.

“Mu Yuchen! Why... no, Chairman Mu... How come you’re leaving this late?” Xi Xiaye blushed slightly as she stepped back awkwardly and asked.

“There were several urgent documents to be taken care of. If everyone in the company were as hardworking as you, I’m sure the company’s revenue would be doubled within a year.”

Mu Yuchen turned away from her beautiful face and focused on the documents she had dropped instead.

"I'm just hardworking because I'm stupid," Xi Xiaye replied embarrassedly. She squatted down and started to pick up the stuff she dropped when another voice interrupted her, "I'll get them, Director Xi."

A pair of huge hands started picking up the papers on the ground.

"Assistant Li?" Xi Xiaye just realized that someone else was in the lift.

"Director Xi, you really are a dedicated employee, only leaving work now." Li Si smiled as he was arranging the messy documents.

"No, I just forgot some documents and came back to take them." Xi Xiaye waved the documents in her hands. Suddenly, she saw that among the stuff she picked up, there was a red invitation card.

It was the Xi family's invitation card!

Xi Xiaye was stunned for a moment when she saw the invitation card. Her movements faltered for a second as well, but she recovered after that and returned some of the documents to Li Si. Her expression went back to normal very quickly.

However, the sharp Mu Yuchen saw everything as he stood there.

"I'm sorry, and also... well, thank you!" Xi Xiaye looked at Mu Yuchen and thanked him after she was done picking up all her stuff.

Mu Yuchen's expression turned warm. "Can't you say something else apart from these two words, Xi Xiaye?"

Xi Xiaye was confused. Glancing at his odd smile, she gave it some thought and then replied seriously, "Thank you very much then, Chairman Mu!"

Before Mu Yuchen could react, Li Si could not hold in his laughter. He was not laughing at Xi Xiaye's "thank you very much", but Xi Xiaye's serious expression on her blushing little face was rather funny!

Xi Xiaye felt embarrassed when she heard the chuckle. She turned around without looking at Mu Yuchen's reaction and acted as if she had not seen or heard anything...

At that moment, a voice that made her feel like sticking her head into the ground spoke up.