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Chapter 241. Crack (3)

Xi Xinyi cried until both her eyes swelled. She lifted a hand to cover her face as she watched Han Yifeng disappear, leaving behind an empty staircase. Some time had passed before she turned to leave in a daze.

However, just as she stepped out of Han Yifeng's villa, her red eyes suddenly flashed with a coldness. Her face was gloomy as the sky before a storm and she whipped her phone out to swiftly make a call.

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On the other end, Han Yifeng had booked Xi Xinyi a flight ticket at 9 a.m. the next day to San Francisco. When Secretary Wang delivered the San Francisco villa keys to West Park, he saw a huge group of reporters outside, so he entered from the back door.

Secretary Wang handed the keys to Xi Xinyi as he said in a heavy tone, "Miss Xinyi, these are the keys to the villa in San Francisco that CEO Han is handing to you. We've already prepared everything over there. CEO Han would like you to stay there for a period of time until things subside here before you return. He has called Miss Shanshan, and she'll accompany you to go over tomorrow. Just treat it as a relaxing vacation! CEO Han will send someone to fetch you tomorrow. He also told me to pass you a message that he hopes that you can think about him... If you can't let go of Yueying, he will help you out one last time for the sake of friendship, Miss Xinyi, but..."

Xi Xinyi felt herself stiffen. Gaping stunned at the keys that Secretary Wang handed her, her face was exceptionally pale with mixed emotions. She did not reach out to take the keys for a long while.

When Secretary Wang saw her reaction, he breathed in and then put the keys onto the table beside Xi Xinyi. "Miss Xinyi, actually, CEO Han has been completely worn out mentally and physically over your issues recently. I really hope that you can consider it for his sake. It's not easy to have reached this stage. CEO Han says he's very tired..."

"I'll go back now and I'll leave the keys here. I hope that I'll see you at the airport tomorrow morning at half-past 8 in the evening. Miss Shanshan and I will be waiting for you there!" Secretary Wang confirmed before turning to leave the room.

Bam!

When she heard the door close, Xi Xinyi snapped back to her senses. She stared at the keys before her and her eyes instantly shifted as she clenched her hands into fists. Her face struggled with indecision.

Han Yifeng was forcing her to choose!

Him or Yueying?

In such a period of turmoil, Grandmother had already decided to let her take over Yueying. If she could pull Qi Kai and the Han Corporation in, then all those shareholders would have to give in to her. Xi Xiaye could forget about taking advantage of this loophole in Yueying. Furthermore, she might even beat Xi Xiaye. However, if she just left Yueying behind, how would she know if those shareholders would rebel? When that happened, they might even need to choose a new CEO under pressure...

How can she just give up at such a time?

Xi Xinyi hesitated.

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It seemed as if this was within Han Yifeng's expectations. When she received Secretary Wang's call after 9 p.m., he could not hold back the bitter smile on his face.

"CEO Han, Miss Shanshan and I kept waiting for Miss Xinyi here. Sadly, she didn't come and the flight has taken off..." Secretary Wang's tone was heavy on the other end as he revealed disappointment that could not be disguised.

He hesitated for a moment before suggesting, "CEO Han, how about we book the next flight out? Miss Shanshan and I can personally pick her up."

Sitting before his desk, Han Yifeng sighed. Then, he chuckled a little pained and disappointedly before he said indifferently, “No need. I know what her answer will be. How about you two come back first? Right, please tell Shanshan to come to me.”

“Miss Shanshan is right beside me, CEO Han. I’ll let her answer the phone,” Secretary Wang answered from the other end.

“Cousin?”

Huang Shanshan’s voice sounded down. “I’m sorry. I didn’t think that Xinyi, she... I’ve always treated her like my best friend, my own sister. I don’t want to argue for the sake of what friendship we had, but unexpectedly...”

“It’s okay. Come over first. I have some things to say to you,” Han Yifeng said, then he hung up and shut his eyes, feeling exhausted.

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The storm did not pass as easily as they thought. When Xi Xiaye received Su Nan’s foul-mouthed call, she realized that Xi Xinyi had still disclosed everything. In fact, the news had spread so fast that she could not stop them in time.

Her slender fingers slid across the tablet screen. Under Glory World Corporation’s official network, there were already a bunch of mean discussions and they were all about her!

‘The inside story of Glory World’s female director Xi Xiaye?’

‘The truth about Xi Xiaye getting expelled from the military academy?’

‘Xi Xiaye stealing...’

All of the unbearable headlines were incredibly eye-grabbing and harsh. She flipped open her Weibo and saw that there was already a war of words underneath. There were even questioning words...

Her beautiful face darkened a little as a sharp coldness flashed in her eyes. She could already guess who had disclosed all of these and had even hired a huge group of trolls to curse and attack her online with words.

Xi Xinyi was really pushed to the edge this time. She knew that she had something to do with this incident, yet she had still recklessly make this information public. Was she so sure that she would not be able to get hold of evidence?

She breathed in. Even though there was a melancholic sorrow that she could not suppress in her chest, she did not suffer as she had back then. Now, she could only patiently wait for the news from Detective Zhang.

She massaged the space between her brows. All of a sudden, the tablet in her hand was taken away by a slender hand. She subconsciously looked up and noticed that the man had suddenly appeared by her side.

He looked down at the news on the tablet and his handsome face darkened. His eyes flashed with a shadow that could not be disguised. He turned to her, his tone calm as usual, yet it held a hint of coldness. "Her again?"

Xi Xiaye frowned. She hesitated before saying, "Who would've so much hatred for me?"

Then, she suddenly stood up from the sofa slowly. She walked to the table to pour herself some water and drank a few gulps before continuing, "She won't let go of me so easily, but that's good too. The hole that she dug herself would naturally be to bury herself too."

"Have you thought of a plan already?" Mu Yuchen asked softly, setting the tablet aside.

Xi Xiaye inhaled and did not answer. She just drank another gulp of water and poured him a glass as well. She sat down leaning beside him and said, "Previously, I've been getting someone to investigate it. It's been so long and it's hard to get hold of any evidence. In fact, you know what I'm worried about..."

“Worried about your father, aren’t you?” He easily knew the answer.

Xi Xiaye nodded. “You know, once this matter is exposed, Father will be implicated too. Back then, it was him who erased the criminal records for me. I never would’ve thought that Xi Xinyi would...”

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She did not continue, but Mu Yuchen naturally understood what she meant.

Then, Xi Xiaye said determinedly, “So, we must investigate this matter properly. No matter how hard it is, I can’t let go.” She could not just keep bearing this accusation. Now, she was afraid that back at the company it would be abuzz with this.

He did not answer, but his gaze dimmed. After a while, he drank his water and his long fingers caressed the glass.

“How about you stay at home tomorrow?” He suddenly looked up and asked.

Xi Xiaye fell silent for a while, then she shook her head. Her expression was calm as she answered, “If I don’t go, wouldn’t it mean that I’ve confirmed the accusations? In fact, I can’t keep hiding. I believe that one day, the truth will come to light.”

As Mu Yuchen listened, he looked thoughtfully at her for a long while, then he inhaled, nodding gently. He said a little gladly, “Missus, why have I suddenly realized that you seem to have matured quite a bit in the past few days?”

She immediately rolled her eyes at him, pursing her pink, rosebud-like lips. “Don’t keep pretending to be the adult. You’re not my older brother or my father, so why do you keep lecturing me? You’re just a few years older than me. How annoying!”

He did not defend himself. Instead, he chuckled and teased, “Yesterday, you said I was good. How have I become annoying today? Are all you women so fickle?”

"I am me. I can't represent all the women of the world, so you can't just generalize." Xi Xiaye glared at him, and before he could finish, she had already refuted him. Her eyes shifted as she suddenly thought about Yueying's matter. "Father says that Xi Xinyi might be taking over Yueying. She unexpectedly didn't leave to seek refuge which is pretty bold."

"You should say that she has huge ambitions. You don't have to care about matters over there. Leave it to VP Liu. Now, you just have to perfect your South River project proposal. In the middle of next month, we'll wait for the government's decision. The bidding process will probably be in the last week of the next month. We'll know the exact date in another few days, so all the work needs to be done ahead of time. I'll be going to survey with them in the next few days. Come along and see if there are any other problems. Then, we'll have to hand in the papers along with the proposal you have," he said calmly, setting his cup aside.

Xi Xiaye nodded. "Mmm, don't worry. Now, all of the work is on track. In fact, it's actually almost done."

The reason they could finish so quickly was also that of his help. Otherwise, she would probably only be done with half of it.

"About all those rumors..." He still could not help but look at her with concern as he listened. Xi Xiaye slowly lowered her gaze. She fell silent for a moment, then tightened her fists. Breathing in lightly, she nodded and said, "I'm fine. Don't worry."

"Don't worry. Maybe when the truth comes to light, they'll even have to give you a public apology."

"All those don't matter. I just want to prove my innocence. I don't want to cause an uproar because of all the things in the past, and even implicate others."

She could not help but sigh and lament, "Sometimes, wanting to live a few days of peace seems to be a kind of luxury."

As he listened, he could not help but laugh. "How much of a storm is this? We should be grateful that we're not living in war times, though fighting and scheming between people might not be easier than fighting in a war. I can understand how you feel too."

When she heard this, she did not say anything. Instead, she lowered her head silently.

At work the next day, as expected, Xi Xiaye received all sorts of weird looks from fellow colleagues on the way to work. The people who interacted with her were obviously clear-sighted, while those who stayed away looked on with doubt.

To say that she was not affected at all would be a lie, especially when she heard all of them secretly discussing her. In fact, when she logged onto Weibo, she noticed that under the official Weibo feed, the news had been blocked. She did not seem to see any negative news about her in the newspapers today either.

She breathed in and relaxed in her chair, staring plainly at the screen that had already turned blank while an indescribable warmth crossed her heart.

He had quietly handled it all for her!

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Mu Yuchen did not go straight to the office this morning. Instead, he made a trip to Mu Tangchuan. There seemed to be some sort of emergency, and when he was done and went back to the office, it was already afternoon.

When they walked to the elevator, Li Si suddenly asked, "Chairman Mu, don't you want to have lunch first?"

"No need. Please send the details to VP Wen," Mu Yuchen said and walked towards the elevator. However, just as he was about to enter, he heard several employees who were waiting for the elevator, whispering.

"Do you think the thing about Director Xi is true? Even our Glory World official Weibo blocked it!"

"I don't think so. Director Xi doesn't seem like that kind of person."

“You can’t really tell with something like this. It’s impossible to judge one’s heart from their face. I think that Director Xi has some tricks up her sleeves. Didn’t you see how her relationship with Chairman Mu was so ambiguous shortly after he returned?”

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Mu Yuchen listened to all of them and started to frown. Li Si cleared his throat, and then everyone snapped back. When they saw Mu Yuchen standing behind them, their expressions changed drastically. They quickly said in a panic —

“Hello, Chairman Mu... We... We were just talking nonsense...”

“Chairman Mu, please...”

Mu Yuchen’s mysterious eyes shot them a cold look. Before they could finish, he already said indifferently to Li Si, “Ask them to go to the finance department to settle their wages. They don’t have to come to work tomorrow.”

Then, he walked right into the elevator, leaving behind a cold air.

The few of them widened their eyes and only reacted after a while, yet the elevator door had closed.

Li Si looked at them sharply too and reprimanded, “Didn’t the company already ban discussions on this? Still, you knowingly did it! Pack up and go to the finance department to settle your wages.”

“Assistant Li, we didn’t do it on purpose. Assistant Li...”

“Assistant Li, please help us tell Chairman Mu...”

They wanted to beg for forgiveness, yet Li Si already walked into the elevator with his documents.

This morning, he could already detect that Master was not in a very good mood, and now he had to hear such gossip too. Naturally, he would be unhappy. Furthermore, they were discussing Missus's matters...

Chapter 243. Love No More (2)

The news of Mu Yuchen firing several employees in a fit of fury spread. For quite a few days, the entire Glory World was shrouded in stifling repression. Everyone did not dare to simply discuss any gossip, afraid that the next one to be fired would be themselves.

While the same thing about Xi Xinyi continued to become worse, they recently even heard that Deng Wenwen had fallen sick from being worn out mentally and physically while Yueying was getting ready to be taken over by Xi Xinyi.

This news shocked the entire entertainment industry. Now that Yueying was on the verge of collapsing, Xi Xinyi still dare to take on as Yueying's CEO! Could she be so confident to help Yueying safely survive this threat again?

This issue did start because of her, yet not only did she not lie low, but instead she appeared so high-profile. This was outrageous to everyone.

For quite a few days, Xi Xinyi held press conferences, at which she beat around the bush. Neither did she directly admit that she had done all those things, nor did she deny them. She only apologized, and the way she looked all weak and pitiful while weeping made everyone suspect whether that news had been fake.

On the other hand, some people also noticed that they did not seem to see the appearance of Xi Xinyi's fiancé, Han Yifeng. Some reporters managed to get pictures of Han Yifeng, who seemed to be keeping to himself without any pictures of him with Xi Xinyi. At such a time, should Han Yifeng not be by her side?

What followed was the news of Han Yifeng and Xi Xinyi's breakup.

While all of Xi Xiaye's scandals seemed to have been suppressed, the crowd's attention was all on Xi Xinyi and Han Yifeng.

Xi Xiaye had been focused on the South River project. After she surveyed the area with Mu Yuchen and the government, she started to pour herself into her work day and night. She did not have time to rest

as the proposals underwent changes again and again. Then, it was given to Mu Yuchen and several Vice Presidents for examination and approval.

Today, the weather was pretty enjoyable. The warm sun was dim. Mu Yuchen and Xi Xiaye had once again gone to the South River viewing deck to survey the area. They verified their thoughts by comparing the proposal content that Xi Xiaye and her elite team had poured their hearts into collating, amending, and completing to see whether there were still any oversights.

On the long walkway of the South River viewing deck, the husband and wife walked slowly side by side. The folder was opened up in Mu Yuchen's hand and Xi Xiaye was by his side. The gentle and warm sun shone on them while they looked extremely harmonious.

"This is the leisure area. The north council will be right here. What do you think?" Xi Xiaye said as she reached out to point at a certain area below while referring to the blueprint in his hand.

Mu Yuchen nodded, then he slowly closed the document and handed it to Li Si behind him. Li Si knowingly received it as he stopped and did not follow them.

Mu Yuchen turned to look at her, seeing the fatigue that could not be hidden in her eyes. He said with concern, "Let's stop right here for now. You've been worn out with work recently. It's the weekend tomorrow, so rest well."

Xi Xiaye lifted a hand to massage between her brows and answered, "I have been a little tired, and the team especially, so today when I left in the afternoon, I let them leave work earlier to have a good weekend."

The dusk with the setting sun was just beautiful. The husband and wife were in sync as they did not plan to go home so early. Mu Yuchen reached out with his long arm and circled Xi Xiaye's shoulders, he walked ahead slowly as he asked her softly, "A good weekend? Where do you want to go?"

"Grandmother wants us to go back to the Mu residence, doesn't she?"

"It's just going home for a meal."

When she heard him say this, Xi Xiaye breathed in. She looked up at the golden-bright, dazzling warm sun. After a while, she was about to say something when her phone suddenly vibrated. She quickly took it out to see a text from Su Nan!

She raised her brows and opened the text. It was another of Su Nan's long ramblings, yet at the start of the sentence, Xi Xiaye was stunned.

Xiaye, I'm pregnant. This time, I'm really going to be a mother! Bloody hell! Ruan Heng, the bastard, said that we'd only have children a year after we get married, yet we just conceived with one try! I don't want you to be my child's godmother. We'll just arrange for our children to get married. How romantic does that sound!? Right, aren't you going to check whether you're pregnant? I've been dizzy recently, so I went to get checked at the hospital. The doctor immediately sent me to the gynecology and obstetrics department. Didn't you complain feeling very tired too recently?

Su Nan was pregnant!

Xi Xiaye was shocked. With Su Nan's carefree personality, it was really hard to imagine how she would be like with a child!

Ruan Heng would probably baby her so much! Knowing Su Nan, she would probably become more intense.

When she thought about this, Xi Xiaye could not help but smile as she quietly kept her phone.

When he saw her grinning away, Mu Yuchen asked, "What are you laughing about? You're looking pretty happy."

She then looked up and smiled at him, her laughter intertwined with well wishes. "Su Nan's pregnant, so tomorrow I want to go see her."

Pregnant?

When he heard this, Mu Yuchen's mysterious eyes flashed with a faint light. He stared at her bright and beautiful face for quite a while, then his gaze looked down subconsciously at her belly with a gaze that seemed a little wistful.

Yet, Xi Xiaye could see through what he thought. She instantly blushed and reached out to cover her belly, trying to block his gaze.

"Don't look at me like that. I'm not pregnant yet!"

Her period had just passed. How could it be so soon?

"I know, I'm not working hard enough." He very calmly averted his gaze, and her blush started to intensify. Suddenly, he laughed, "We don't have to rush with these things. Just go with the flow."

Mu Yuchen felt that he was not ready to be a decent father either. He also could not imagine how it would be like to have a little monster wandering around them and calling them Father and Mother.

"Don't eat those things Grandmother gave you if you don't want to... as long as you're healthy."

Xi Xiaye then remembered that he had found out about the things that she stuffed into the storeroom. Wang Hui and Mu Yinan both wanted grandchildren. The Mu family had passed three generations, and now it was his turn...

She fell silent for a while, then she could not care less about blushing. She muttered, "I heard that you have to quit smoking and drinking... That way... Your child can be smart and healthy..."

When he heard this from her, Mu Yuchen turned to look at her with interest. He was about to say something when suddenly they vaguely felt that there was someone ahead. At this moment, a voice came through.

"Xiaye?"

The husband and wife both stopped in their steps. They looked up to where the sound came from, and by the stairs was Han Yifeng's figure greeting their sight.

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Han Yifeng's eyes seemed desolate as he glanced at Mu Yuchen for a moment before averting his gaze to Xi Xiaye beside him.

Han Yifeng's sudden appearance startled Xi Xiaye a little. She turned towards the man beside her subconsciously. Mu Yuchen seemed calm although his grip over Xi Xiaye's shoulder tightened slightly as he stared at Han Yifeng.

Han Yifeng's expression changed when he saw Mu Yuchen in casual wear. After a while, he said in a high and mighty tone, "Glad to meet you here, Chairman Mu!"

He then looked back at Xi Xiaye and spoke in a slightly softer tone, "Xiaye, I didn't expect to bump into you here!"

Mu Yuchen put on a smile on his handsome face. "Glad to meet me? I'm not very glad to see you..."

He then looked at Xi Xiaye with a dark expression. Han Yifeng's expression seemed complicated as well. After some thought, he suddenly let go of Xi Xiaye and whispered beside her ear, "I'll wait for you in the car."

He turned around, but Xi Xiaye grabbed his hand. A light flashed through her eyes as she stared at him.

He looked at her beautiful face for a while before glancing over at Han Yifeng. Sighing, he said quietly, "Make it clear with him. I'm not giving you any more chances in the future. Remember that you're Mrs. Mu."

He pushed her hand away gently as he went off.

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Xi Xiaye turned back and looked at the man quietly, her eyes hardening. She closed her eyes after a while.

“Xiaye...”

Han Yifeng finally came down from the staircase and reached Xi Xiaye. He called out to her quietly. “How are you?”

Ever since she hung up on his call the last time, Han Yifeng tried calling back again several times, but she did not pick up any of them. Xi Xinyi’s issue did not stop at all, so Xi Xiaye thought that Han Yifeng’s motive of calling her was probably because of Xi Xinyi.

Xi Xiaye did not reply. After some time, she raised her head and looked at the river below, leaning her arms onto the cold railing.

She gave a short and cold reply, “Pretty good.”

“Why won’t you see me?” Han Yifeng went over beside her and asked.

Xi Xiaye grinned coldly when she heard his question. “Why should I?”

“Weren’t you trying to tell me something by sending me the documents about Xinyi?” Han Yifeng looked at her. “Wouldn’t keeping me in the dark be a better punishment from your perspective?”

Xi Xiaye did not reply Han Yifeng immediately. She took a deep breath and felt the cold breeze from the river brushing past her cheeks as she clenched her fists slightly. “I didn’t send those documents to you for your sake. It’s for mine. I want to ridicule Xi Xinyi and rub salt into your wound. I want you guys to feel the pain. That’s it.”

“You still hate me don’t you, Xiaye?” Han Yifeng stared at her deeply and a depressed vibe shrouded him. “I admit that it’s my fault for abandoning you!”

Xi Xiaye just smiled.

“I’ve decided to cancel my marriage with Xi Xinyi...” Han Yifeng continued when she did not say anything.

“You’re still the same. Weren’t you very in love with Xi Xinyi before? I thought that the both of you both can’t leave each other. And now it seems like you’ve thrown away your heavy baggage. Han Yifeng, I’m glad that you’re not the person I’ve chosen. If not, I’d end up the same as Xi Xinyi, wouldn’t I?”

Xi Xiaye looked at Han Yifeng mockingly, her eyes gleaming with annoyance. “I never knew that you were someone like this!”

“Xiaye, I know the military academy incident isn’t like what they said... I believe you!” Han Yifeng explained with his eyebrows knotted.

Xi Xiaye laughed. “It doesn’t matter if you believe it or not. It’s not important.”

She suddenly took a deep breath and focused on the warm sunset. “I’ve forgotten all about the past already. I just hope this matter can pass by quickly. Everyone can go on and live their own peaceful lives. Let everything go back to the times when you two weren’t back.

“I really don’t want to see you, so please don’t contact me again. Just act as if we never knew each other. I don’t want us to be involved in any way. Moreover, it’s unfair to him as well.”

Her distant words and her gaze when she turned around and looked at him felt as if she was just looking at a stranger.

Those eyes and those words made him felt chilly.

“Just like how you wanted me to let go of you and Xi Xinyi... Maybe she’s being truthful with you. You don’t have to cancel your marriage with her. You told me yourself that your love for Xi Xinyi is true love...”

“Xiaye, you don’t have to mock me with those words. I know that I’ve let you down. My young self is all there is to blame.” Han Yifeng could not stand listening to Xi Xiaye’s words. “It’s all in the past now. I don’t want to go deep into it. All these years, I’ve been...”

“Yeah, it’s all in the past...” Xi Xiaye agreed with him. She averted her gaze and turned away from him. “I won’t be angry at you because of Xi Xinyi, but regarding the orphanage, I’m really... As for Xi Xinyi’s scandal, I owe up to them.”

She was being honest. “She breached my bottom line again and again, so I can’t just let her be anymore. I know that you might still help Yueying this time, but I won’t just stop here. Watch out.”

“Xiaye!” He wanted to grab her hand as she walked past him, but her cold eyes forced him away.

“Don’t call me again, CEO Han. I don’t want to change my number again. Also, regarding the South River project, Glory World isn’t going to back off.”

She left those words with a powerful stance before departing.

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She walked away under the warm sunset. The whole sky appeared to have lost its color due to her departure and even the fresh scent in the air disappeared as well.

Han Yifeng clenched his fists and took a deep breath. He closed his eyes for a moment and then opened them again. Finally, he moved away and walked up the staircase, leaving a long and lonely shadow.

When she arrived back at the car, Mu Yuchen was reading some documents in the front passenger seat, while Li Si and the bodyguard were sitting in the car behind.

“Where else are we going?” She asked as she started the car.

“Go home straight.” He put the documents away and stared at her, but he started frowning when he saw the dull expression on her face. “What did you guys talk about just now? Weren’t you alright just a moment ago?”

He was very upset with Han Yifeng. He was protecting her so carefully and trying to make her happy, but now the man had made her sad. Was he trying to make all his effort futile?

He was angry, but he suppressed it when he saw her expression.

Naturally, Xi Xiaye knew how he felt. She sighed, "Nothing much. He told me that he's canceling his marriage with Xi Xinyi, just like how he did with me back then. He just did it on a whim and never thought about how others would feel... as if he just threw away a heavy suitcase. I suddenly feel really sad for myself..."

"They're not getting married anymore?" Mu Yuchen raised his eyebrows and grinned coldly. "Has he found a new pair of eyes? Does he finally know how to differentiate between good and bad people? Missus, although I really don't want to put it this way, this man is really an idiot. Why did you even like him back then? Is he handsome? Is he smart? Just what did you like about him?"

His tone was full of sarcasm.

Xi Xiaye turned her head over in surprise. She looked at the irate Mr. Mu now who was usually calm and composed. She did not expect that he would act like this.

His expression changed when he noticed Xi Xiaye's surprised expression, so he turned away and looked out the window.

"He's not handsome, not smart, and not as good as you. That's why I married you instead of him..." Xi Xiaye replied him seriously, letting go of the clutch, and the car started moving slowly.

He seemed to look better after he heard her reply. Returning to his usual cool, he glanced at her. "As long as you know it."

"I'm going to visit Su Nan tomorrow. Are you coming with me?"

Xi Xiaye laughed, then she remembered what Su Nan had told her the other day.

A woman needs to know how to deal with her husband. You need to provide him with all the ego in the whole world. Let him feel the pride and respect as a man. Let him feel that he cannot live without you anymore. Xiaye, go and conquer him. Take him down and you could become the real queen...

Xi Xiaye could not help but to chuckle out loud when she thought about Su Nan's behavior back then. She glanced over at the man beside her who was looking at her with alarm. His eyes sent shivers down Xi Xiaye's spine.

"Are you tricking me or something? Why the odd laugh?" He squinted his eyes and looked at her.

Xi Xiaye shrugged. "I didn't. Even if I was, I wouldn't tell you anyway! Don't touch me. I'm driving! I'm asking if you're coming with me..."

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Mu Yuchen's answer was a "no" because Su Chen and Zhou Zimo came over early in the morning after they had breakfast. They had promised to play cards and have a drink together before going out somewhere.

Mu Yuchan handed the car keys to Xi Xiaye. "Come home earlier tonight. We're going back to the Mu Residence for a bit."

Xi Xiaye took it from him and nodded. "Please don't drink too much. I've asked Sis Wang to come and cook for you guys. Goodbye!"

She then went outside as Mu Yuchen turned away and walked towards Su Chen and Zhou Zimo.

"This is for you. It's Lingshi's license!"

Su Chen gave him something the moment Mu Yuchen sat down on the sofa.

“She called me several days ago and urged me for it. She always bothers me or Zimo when she needs help and not you as expected. You’re her brother after all!” Su Chen complained.

Zhou Zimo picked up the license and took a look, guffawing when he saw the photo. “This girl has never changed. It’s been quite a few years!”

“Please give it to her. Qingming is coming soon. She’ll surely come back to visit his grave, so you can give it to her then,” Su Chen said quietly as he sipped some wine.

Mu Yuchen suddenly went quiet and had a depressed vibe around him for a while. Afterward, he grabbed the license and glanced at it before putting it into the coffee table drawer.

“Chen, it’s all in the past now. You don’t have to be so sensitive about it. He’s already dead. He can’t be revived no matter how sad we are. If it’s about Lingshi, all these years, she didn’t blame you at all, did she? There’s no use if we need to have a moment of silence every time we mention this, right?” Su Chen could not help but nudge Mu Yuchen.

“Chen, I think Su Chen makes sense...” Zhou Zimo joined in as well, trading glances with Su Chen as they both looked at Mu Yuchen worriedly.

Mu Yuchen’s eyes seemed quiet. After a brief moment, he placed his fingers on his forehead. He took a deep breath and said, “He’s dead, but there are some things... that can never be forgotten. There’s a lot that needs to be done. I can’t let the case rest when the two are still not found.”

Mu Yuchen’s expression turned cold suddenly.

“What are you going to do about it? Are you going to search the whole world?” Zhou Zimo frowned.

“The reason I came back this time was to investigate this matter, and find out the reason for his behavior back then.” Mu Yuchen took a sip of his wine and added, “It’s also for Lingshi’s sake.”

Su Chen and Zhou Zimo just nodded. “Suit yourself then. Let us know if you need us. We’re here for you.”

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Inside Su Nan and Ruan Heng's apartment.

Su Nan was sitting on the sofa in the living room, comfortably munching on some sunflower seeds while watching television. Xi Xiaye was peeling apples beside her and Ruan Heng was busy cooking in the kitchen.

"Is Han Yifeng really canceling his marriage with that witch Xi Xinyi?" Su Nan asked Xi Xiaye again, with a grin on her face that rejoiced in someone else's misfortune. She started laughing before Xi Xiaye could reply, "Karma! Great! Let's see if she can still show us that cocky face of her again! Karma has finally slapped her hard! That witch is so fake, yet some people are too blind to see through her!" Su Nan could not help but curse her in relief.

"She deserves it! Xiaye, you should've acted sooner. There's also Huang Shanshan and Yu Lingling. Who do they think they are? Who else could've made Yu Lingling say what she did that night?" Su Nan mocked, "Xi Xinyi is doomed now. Most of the contracts she had are now canceled. If Han Yifeng's canceling his marriage with her, I'm interested to see what she'll do next. So what if she's going to take over Yueying? Sell the 37% shares you have now and Yueying will be done for! Even your grandmother will need to listen to you!"

Su Nan was feeling really smug at the moment.

"Their marriage might not be called off anyway. Xi Xinyi isn't like the past me. Even if she agreed to it, the Xi family and Yue family might not give in," Xi Xiaye handed a freshly peeled apple to Su Nan and said.

Su Nan frowned as she took the apple from Xi Xiaye. Taking a big bite and then said, "That's true. If that happened, then it would really benefit Xi Xinyi, but since Han Yifeng suggested not marrying her, he must be getting tired of Xi Xinyi already. Getting them to hate each other seems like a good idea as well!"

Su Nan shrugged with a sadistic expression on her face. "Xiaye, if that's what happens, it would be nice to see Huang Shanshan and Xi Xinyi fight with each other! Please don't look at me like that. I know that I'm pretty mean, but with what you did, we're not really that different. Hahaha..."

Xi Xiaye grabbed a tissue to wipe her hands and drank some water. "This matter is far from over. The Xi Xinyi I know wouldn't just let me get away like this..."

"You mean your expulsion from the military academy? Isn't that news suppressed by your man already? What are you worried about? You didn't do it anyway. Don't suffer for it anymore. It's all in the past and we live in the present. Put your hopes in tomorrow, okay?" Su Nan voiced out as she saw the clearly worried expression on Xi Xiaye's face.

Xi Xiaye smiled and looked at Su Nan. "Since when did you start giving life advice to people?"

Su Nan shrugged and glanced at her with a smile. "I mean it. You're always too serious. Let go of some burden in you and you'll be free. After being with Ruan Heng for so many years, the one thing I'm still worried about is you, Xiaye. You always keep a lot to yourself and we're both worried about you. Luckily, you met a man like Master Mu and we're really relieved about that. Just let him worry about those things... Why else would you need a man for?"

Xi Xiaye felt warm inside as Su Nan's words reached her ears. She looked down at the glass in her hands, a gentle light appearing in her eyes.

She was not really expecting much. The fact that he could trust her and protect her unconditionally, and even settled the matter for her despite her ugly past being thrust right in his face was really touching. Of course, there was Su Nan and Ruan Heng as well...

Suddenly, she felt that luck was still on her side. If all the suffering she experienced before was for the sake of the happiness she was feeling right now, she would still believe that the world was a beautiful place.

If love could happen between him and her, she would believe it and accept it...

However, could he really give it to her?

A crack appeared on the surface of her locked up heart. It seemed like from this moment onward, she started to look forward again.

Still, at the same time, she was worried. What should she do if she could not stay with him till the end?

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At the Xi Residence at West Park.

Xi Xinyi opened the envelope and took the items inside out.

There were several photos of Han Yifeng and Xi Xiaye by the bank of the South River, and they seemed intimate!

Her expression darkened and her eyebrows frowned. She quickly went through the stack of photos, her body started trembling.

Pa!

Tsssk —

A coldness enveloped her face, and she ripped the photos apart crazily before throwing them onto the ground angrily to stomp on them!

Suddenly, the door opened and Yue Lingsi came inside. She was shocked to see Xi Xinyi's maniacal behavior and cold expression!

"Xinyi, what's wrong?"

Yue Lingsi looked at Xi Xinyi with complicated eyes. She felt that her daughter had totally transformed into another person, especially after her scandal. She also felt odd about the documents Xi Xiaye had sent them.

She felt that she had never really understood her own daughter well.

She looked at the photos on the ground, some of which were torn into pieces. Yue Lingsi was stunned for a moment before picking one of them up. Her expression changed when she saw what was on them!

“Xinyi, what’s happening?” Yue Lingsi looked at Xi Xinyi with her eyes wide.

Xi Xinyi clenched her fists while her expression was horrible. She suddenly covered her face as she broke down and cried, “Mother, what should I do? Yifeng doesn’t want me anymore... He doesn’t want me anymore... He’s going back to Sister... I did all of it just to get him, but he blames me...”

“Mother, I know I’m wrong... I just love him too much. All these years, I felt guilty about what I did to Sister, and I tried to make it up to her. In the end, they still treat me this way...”

Xi Xinyi was crying as she broke down.

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Yue Lingsi felt pained looking Xi Xinyi. She was reminded of her past self when she saw the happily married Xi Mushan and Shen Wenna. Xi Xinyi was still her daughter after all. She was not wrong to fight for her own happiness since everyone had that right, did they not?

Xi Xinyi was really exhausted. Her face looked pale and her bright self was nowhere to be seen. Moreover, Yue Lingsi noticed that Han Yifeng had not been at West Park lately!

She could already sense that something was not right between Xi Xinyi and Han Yifeng, so she had come over to ask her about it. However, she did not expect to bump into such a scene here. Looking at these photos, Xi Xiaye and Han Yifeng...

“This...”

Yue Lingsi looked at Xi Xinyi in doubt and was surprised about the photos.

Xi Xinyi's voice became hoarse from all the crying. As she was about to explain, suddenly the door opened from the outside.

Yue Lingsi turned over to the door as Xi Xinyi sniffed and raised her head. The person who appeared before them was Han Yifeng's personal assistant, Secretary Wang!

"Mrs. Xi, Ms. Xinyi!"

Secretary Wang came inside with a large envelope in his hand.

"Secretary Wang? Why are you here? Where's CEO Han?" Yue Lingsi asked.

Secretary Wang greeted Yue Lingsi with a smile, but he then stopped before Xi Xinyi. Stealing a glance at the photos on the ground, he frowned when he saw the people in the photos, but he quickly averted his gaze.

"Secretary Wang, Yifeng..." Xi Xinyi wiped off the tears on her face and trailed off.

Secretary Wang bowed slightly and handed the envelope to Xi Xinyi as he said quietly, "Ms. Xinyi, CEO Han went overseas to work and will only be back in a few days. He asked me to hand you this document. He'll discuss the marriage contract with you again when he returns..."

"What? What does he mean by that? Discuss the marriage contract? What is Yifeng trying to do?" Yue Lingsi's eyes widened when she heard Secretary Wang, she stared at him, "You're saying that Yifeng is trying to cancel the marriage contract?"

"Mrs. Xi, CEO Han will do his best to compensate Ms. Xinyi. It's chaotic all over right now. The Han Corporation's share price is going down. This might be a temporary solution. Please understand! CEO Han is really worn out from what happened lately. It's already tough enough to help Ms. Xinyi secure the collaboration with Qikai," Secretary Wang explained.

“Did you say that Han Yifeng has secured the collaboration with Qikai? They’re not going to withdraw?”

Yue Lingsi’s eyes suddenly brightened!

Secretary Wang nodded. “CEO Han put in his best effort for Ms. Xinyi’s sake. Ms. Xinyi, CEO Han said he gave you a choice, and since you made your choice, he’ll respect it. He hopes that you can be well on your own in the future. This document is a contract with Qikai. The filming can start anytime after they change the female lead role!”

Xi Xinyi’s tears started to flow again. She dragged Secretary Wang’s arm as he was about to leave after giving her the document. She cried, “Wait! Secretary Wang! Yifeng wouldn’t do this to me. Please tell him that this is really the last time, alright? He’s not answering my calls and he’s not at home. I don’t know where he is. Secretary Wang, can you please tell him for me? I don’t want to cancel our marriage contract. I don’t want to...”

“Ms. Xinyi, you’ve made your choice. Why do you have to give CEO Han such a hard time? All these years, CEO Han has put up with you, yet you... I’m afraid CEO Han has made up his mind this time. He also hopes that you can hand back the key to his villa... If you’re unhappy, he can give you an amount of money as compensation.”

Secretary Wang looked at Xi Xinyi in disappointment as he sighed, “Ms. Xinyi, CEO Han has always thought of you. The Han Corporation was deeply affected because of you. Why can’t you put yourself in his shoes? Ms. Shanshan and I waited for you the whole morning at the airport the other day. We were really disappointed that you didn’t come. Ms. Shanshan wanted to forgive you if you were willing to let go of everything and just obey CEO Han. Unfortunately, you gave up on that choice, so don’t blame anyone else.”

He wanted to pull her hand away, but she gripped on tightly with tears in her eyes. “No, Secretary Wang, can you tell me where Yifeng is? I’ll talk to him myself! I really can’t leave City Z. Why does he have to force me like this? Can’t he put it up with me one last time? Does he hate me because of Xi Xiaye?”

“I don’t know about that either, Ms. Xinyi! I’m just here to pass you his message. I hope you can understand.”

“I understand you, but please tell me where Yifeng is! You must know where he is, don’t you?”

Xi Xinyi tossed the envelope aside and stood up. Suddenly, she got hit by a dizzy spell. Before she could react, she stumbled and fell down.

“Ms. Xinyi!”

“Xinyi!”

Secretary Wang quickly grabbed her hand and she did not hit the ground, but she was now unconscious.

“Ms. Xinyi, how are you?”

“Xinyi! Xinyi! What’s wrong?”

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No matter how they called her name, Xi Xinyi did not respond at all. Yue Lingsi panicked.

“Don’t worry, Mrs. Xi. Call the ambulance now!”

Secretary Wang calmed down quickly. He held Xi Xinyi in his arms and walked out swiftly.

Yue Lingsi recovered from her panic and quickly grabbed her phone to call an ambulance.

Secretary Wang rushed down the staircase and then bumped into Deng Wenwen with her servants.

“What happened?”

Deng Wenwen had recovered a little after resting for several days. Although she was very exhausted with what had happened to Yueying, she had no idea how to clean up this mess, so she could only rely on the Yue family and the Han Corporation for now.

“Ms. Xinyi suddenly fell unconscious! I’m sending her to the hospital!”

Deng Wenwen finally saw who Secretary Wang was holding. “What? Xin Er? What happened to Xin Er?”

“I don’t know. We’ll find out at the hospital!”

Yue Lingsi also caught up with them as she appeared behind.

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Deng Wenwen’s expression darkened when she saw Secretary Wang march outside quickly. She grabbed Yue Lingsi and asked her anxiously, “Lingsi, what happened?!”

Yue Lingsi looked at Deng Wenwen with worry in her eyes. “Han Yifeng wants to annul his marriage contract with Xinyi. She was too shocked and fell unconscious! Mother, I thought it was odd that Han Yifeng hasn’t been visiting us lately. He was having a conflict with Xinyi, and he might even have had the thought of abandoning her for some time already. What should we do?”

“Mother, look at these pictures... It’s Han Yifeng and that witch! How can Xinyi take it after seeing these photos?”

Yue Lingsi handed the photos to Deng Wenwen with a murderous expression, coldness appearing in her eyes. “I knew she wouldn’t just give up! She must be thinking of getting Han Yifeng back using this opportunity to mess with Xinyi! That must be it! What a wicked person!”

Deng Wenwen took a glance at the photos and her expression darkened as well. A glint flashed in her eyes as she yelled, “Nonsense! What’s this? Isn’t he engaged to Xin Er? And he still went out with Xi Xiaye? That fool!”

Deng Wenwen was furious, especially after Xi Xiaye had released a series of scandals about Xi Xinyi and landed Yueying in chaos. Before the dust had even settled, now this happened!

“Mother, that witch Xi Xiaye is messing with us! She turned Yueying into this state today and she’s still not happy with it. She just had to meddle with Han Yifeng and Xinyi! She planned to give us a hard time all along. Xinyi was already pitiful enough, and she’s still not going to let go of her...”

Yue Lingsi was enraged, fuelling Deng Wenwen’s anger. A cold aura spread around her.

“What should we do now? How should we handle this matter? I’m afraid the Han family...” Yue Lingsi felt really anxious and frowned.

“How can they just cancel the marriage just like that? Do they think it’s a joke? We’ll discuss it. Go and take a look at Xin Er’s condition now!”

Deng Wenwen calmed down quickly after she tossed the photos in her hand away. “What bullsh*t!”

Yue Lingsi nodded before going out. “Okay, I’ll look after Xin Er. Mother, you should stay at home and wait for my call.”

Inside a premium ward in the obstetrics and gynecology department of Hospital T.

The doctor wearing a white coat did a thorough check-up for Xi Xinyi. Then, he closed his document and told Yue Lingsi, “Mrs. Xi, Ms. Xi has already been pregnant for a month plus. Congratulations!”

Yue Lingsi was stunned by the doctor’s words. Unable to grasp what was happening, she stared at the doctor blankly and mumbled, “What did you say? Xinyi is pregnant?”

“Yes, it’s been slightly over a month. She fell unconscious because of her weak body and she’s overexerted herself recently. I’ll give her some tocolytics. Her condition isn’t fully stable now and she needs to be hospitalized for a day or two. The nurse will explain what to take note of later. You can go and start the hospitalization procedure first!” The doctor said with a smile.

Yue Lingsi's worrisome expression softened when the doctor gave her such a confident response. She started smiling and even chuckled happily. "Great! Just amazing! Xinyi, you did well! I have to tell your grandmother about this right away. Oh, and your in-laws!"

Yue Lingsi took her phone out and dialed West Park swiftly.

On the other side of the bed, the silent Secretary Wang frowned slightly.

Things just got more troublesome now!

Did CEO Han want to annul the marriage?

They had a child now. How could it be done? With the relationship between the Xis and the Hans, it was already difficult to annul the marriage contract in the first place. Now with this child in the equation, not only was it nearly impossible to void the marriage contract, but they might even be forced to get married immediately!

After some thought, Secretary Wang told Yue Lingsi, "Mrs. Xi, I'll work on the hospitalization procedure!"

Yue Lingsi nodded with a smile. "Sure! Thank you, Secretary Wang!"

Secretary Wang nodded with a heavy expression. He took his phone out and called Han Yifeng the moment he stepped out of the room.

"CEO Han, I have two items to report to you." Secretary Wang's slightly uneasy tone reached Han Yifeng's ears.

On the balcony of the hotel room, Han Yifeng was leaning on the fence and gazing at the gloomy sky as he answered, "What is it?"

“Just now, when I delivered the document, I saw the photos of you and Ms. Xiaye in Ms. Xinyi’s room. They look like candid photos that were secretly taken! Ms. Xinyi’s emotions were really unstable and she fell unconscious just now, so I sent her to the hospital. The results came out and the doctor said that Ms. Xinyi is...”

Secretary Wang took a solemn pause at this point.

“She’s what?” Han Yifeng’s face was expressionless as he asked coldly.

Secretary Wang took a deep breath before he replied quietly, “The doctor said that Ms. Xinyi has already been pregnant for a month. She needs to be hospitalized for a few days due to her frail body and unstable emotions...”

Pregnant!

He was stunned when he heard this word. Instantly, he could not react at all!

How could Xi Xinyi be pregnant?

At this time?

He remembered that she would take medication every time after they did it. She mentioned she would not consider a child for the next one to two years because of her acting career!

What’s happening?

Han Yifeng clenched his fists, irritation blooming on his cold face.

“CEO Han, what do we now? Mrs. Xi called CEO Deng and also the Han family. I’m sure your parents will come over very soon. You do realize that they were really looking forward to a grandchild, and with the relationship between the Hans and the Xis, they might still force you two to get married despite Ms. Xinyi’s current circumstances...”

Han Yifeng had a headache after hearing Secretary Han's update. He pinched the space between his eyebrows and went silent. After a while, he replied, "I got it. We'll talk about it again when I get back. Take care of things over there."

"Yes, CEO Han!"

Han Yifeng hung up on the call, feeling irritated deep down. He was not sure if he should feel delighted or troubled!

Chapter 249. The World Changes No Matter What (1)

It was near evening when Xi Xiaye returned to Maple Residence. Because they were going back to the Mu Residence later, she went to a mall to get some vases after leaving Su Nan's place since Wang Hui mentioned that she had broken a few at home.

As she stepped into the living room, she could detect a strong alcohol scent from afar. Frowning, she looked towards the sofa. There was no one, so she approached nearer and saw several empty bottles. There was another half-empty one, and glasses were strewn everywhere while cigarette butts filled up the ashtray.

She scowled. After some hesitation, she opened the window and then went upstairs.

As she guessed, she found the man knocked out on the bed.

She went over and could smell the stench of alcohol emanating from him. Several buttons on his black shirt were undone and his bare chest was exposed. He seemed to be sleeping peacefully.

However, it was not the time for her to appreciate how he looked when he was asleep. She took a deep breath before trying to shake him up even though he did not budge at all.

"Wake up! Mu Yuchen, just how much did you drink?"

After a while, he opened his eyes with a scowl and glared at her briefly before covering himself up with the blanket and going back to sleep again.

“You said that we’re going back to the Mu Residence. How do we do that now?”

Xi Xiaye slapped a hand to her forehead. She tucked him in and stared at him, feeling a headache coming on. Then, she grabbed a wet towel from the bathroom and wiped him down a little. She gave the Mu Residence a call. It was her mother-in-law, Zhuang Shurong, who picked up.

“Mother, Chen had a gathering with his friends. He got drunk and is asleep now, so I’m afraid we won’t be going over tonight. We’ll go back some other time.”

Zhuang Shurong stayed silent for a moment before sighing, “Okay, please take care of him. Make sure he doesn’t drink too much the next time. We’ve made quite a number of both your favorite dishes. Since you guys aren’t coming back, I’ll get your grandmother to send them to your place tomorrow.”

Xi Xiaye nodded. “Mmm, thank you, Mother!”

“Alright then. Call us if you need anything else.”

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After ending the call with Zhuang Shurong, Xi Xiaye went downstairs. After some thought, she then went to cook some porridge before she cleaned up the scattered glasses in the living room.

The sky darkened before Xi Xiaye took a shower and went straight to the study room without any dinner.

She was still working on the South River proposal which had already been altered countless times. Because she would need to submit it to the government soon, she was trying to make it even more comprehensive than it was.

She turned on the table lamp and focused on the laptop as she referred to the notes she had taken during the visit to the South River with Mu Yuchen yesterday.

It was quiet inside the room. All one could hear was the constant tapping on the keyboard until a ringtone broke the silence.

“Hello?”

Xi Xiaye did not look at the screen and just picked it up, her eyes still glued to the screen.

“Ms. Xi, it’s me.”

“Detective Zhang?”

Xi Xiaye immediately recognized whose voice it was. “What is it? Do you have any good news for me?”

“No, Ms. Xi. I’m afraid that this is bad news for you...” Detective Zhang’s tone sounded a little morose.

Xi Xiaye frowned slightly. “What’s wrong?”

“Yang Jianfeng is missing! I’ve been looking for him the past few days. I suspect that he’s in hiding. Several days ago, I noticed he was acting oddly. He’s probably hiding because he found out about my presence.”

Xi Xiaye suddenly stopped her work. Although she was slightly startled, she was still calm and her eyes seemed clear. “Can you find him?”

“I’ve been looking for him for a few days, but I’ve got no clue yet. Hopefully, he didn’t go abroad. I’ll check the Immigration Department.”

Xi Xiaye took a deep breath, then she gave it some thought and said, “Maybe you can check what’s going on with Xi Xinyi. He probably took action under her orders. I tested Xi Xinyi the other day with the intention of forcing her to make a move. Keep track of Yang Jianfeng’s bank account and see if he took or spent any money anywhere. You should be able to find him quickly that way.”

“Mmm, that’s a good idea. He probably doesn’t have much cash on himself if he’s going alone. He’ll surely need money. I’ll investigate tomorrow. Wait for my good news.”

“Thank you, Detective Zhang!”

“You’re welcome. Goodbye!”

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Xi Xiaye took a deep breath and remained silent for some time after hanging up. She then continued to work on her proposal.

It was nearly 11 p.m. when Mu Yuchen woke up. He crawled out of bed without turning the lights on. When he glanced around and saw just the wall lamps turned on, highlighting her windbreaker in the shadows, he knew that she was back. He could also see some lights from outside the room. Then, he washed up.

When her stomach growled in protest, Xi Xiaye noticed that she had not had dinner yet. As she was going downstairs for some porridge, she saw several dishes on the table.

Did he wake up?

She raised her eyebrows as she walked into the kitchen.

Before she could go in, he came out with two bowls in his hands.

“Why did you drink so much?” She took the porridge from him and stated, “Also, I found the license of the girl, Lingshi, that you mentioned before inside the drawer...”

“Mmm, she asked Su Chen for it, so he delivered it to me today. She should be coming back in a week or two. There’s something I need to arrange. When she comes back, I’ll need you to liaise with the Imperial

Sky Entertainment Club. Don't they still need a supervisor? Let her handle it," he said indifferently, but a faint worry line betrayed his face.

The Imperial Sky Entertainment Club?

Xi Xiaye went quiet. After a moment, she looked at him and asked quietly, "Isn't Ah Mo taking care of that place now?"

"Ah Mo is handling the project at City B right now. Things are a little... complicated between him and Lingshi. You'll understand in the future," Mu Yuchen admitted. He took a pause before continuing, "Ah Mo was adopted by Grandfather and was put under my parents' name. Lingshi was adopted under my parents' name as well after my aunt passed away, so you're their sister-in-law. If possible, help them out whenever they need it."

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Suddenly, his face darkened and he stopped talking.

Xi Xiaye did not want to force him, so she just nodded. "Sure."

She lowered her head and ate the meal in silence. His quiet eyes stared at her face as if he could feel a sense of distance between them. Holding her cold hands, he said quietly, "Xiaye, I will tell you about it once I figure out how to tell you..."

She was stunned for a moment when she heard him. She raised her head slightly and looked at his hand holding hers. After a while, she said, "Everyone has memories they aren't willing to talk about. I won't force you to tell me about it. Don't worry. I'll respect your wishes."

It seemed that she did not understand him. He had never told her anything he was troubled by as well. Even though she did not ask about them, she still cared about him, after all...

A while later, she withdrew her hands quietly and continued with her meal without looking at him.

His eyes dimmed and he just stared at her for a long while.

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They did not say anything at all. After they cleaned up and went to bed, it was past midnight.

Xi Xiaye went to bed first. She was sleeping with her back facing Mu Yuchen's usual spot.

Mu Yuchen frowned a little as he looked at her beside him on the bed. After a while, he went under the quilt and then put his arms over her waist. She struggled a little as his deep voice reached her ears.
"What's wrong with you?"

"I want to sleep." She glared at him.

He tightened his arm and locked her down, staring at her for some time before taking a deep breath.
"Sleep then."

"How do I sleep like this?"

"Shut up. If you're not happy, then do something else!" He said quietly.

Of course, Xi Xiaye knew what this something else he mentioned was. Her glaring eyes were nearly blazing as she punched him several times out of anger, but he just let her do whatever she wanted.

"Dead pigs don't feel pain... Mmm!"

"You asked for it. I wanted to let you off, but you just had to make me do it!"

The man finally pounced onto her and drowned her in an instant.

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The next morning, at Hospital T.

Xi Xinyi's room was remarkably crowded early in the morning. Someone had spread the news of her pregnancy and many reporters waited outside the room to ask about Xi Xinyi's condition.

When Huang Ziyao brought gifts over, they almost could not make it inside the room. The crowd assumed that Xi Xinyi's baby was Han Yifeng's child when they saw Huang Ziyao.

Thanks to the hospital's security team, the crowd soon dispersed.

Inside Xi Xinyi's superior patient room, she was resting while Yue Lingsi was taking care of her.

Huang Ziyao ordered her servant to put the stuff on the bedside drawer. She stood on the other end of the bed with a gleaming face, but at the same time, her eyes looked conflicted.

"Xinyi, those scandals..." Huang Ziyao started to ask her. This issue was not yet resolved and there were still reporters around. She had been calling Xi Xinyi for a long time, but always could not get through, plausibly to avoid these complications.

Han Yifeng avoided her questions as well. After looking through the news and reports, she gave it some thought. Although she did not know if they were true, there had to be a certain degree of truth to it. What actually happened must be really complicated.

"I... I didn't do it on purpose. It's all my fault, Mother. I really can't live without Yifeng. I can't stop loving him... but because of Xi Xiaye, if he had to do this, the only thing I've left to do is to abort this child and walk away from this war."

Xi Xinyi's eyes started tearing up again as she held her belly with a hand. Her expression seemed really pitiful while her cries sounded frail, and she looked so sad that one could not help but take pity on her.

"What are you talking about?!" Yue Lingsi yelled at her.

Huang Ziyao's heart softened. Although she was very upset about the whole scandal, she understood that there would be some drama here and there in the entertainment industry. If her son loved her, then she was fine with it.

After years of knowing her, Xi Xinyi had always been very nice and understanding. She already thought of her as a daughter and loved her, even more so than Xi Xiaye back then. Although she could not believe she was what people made her out to be, how could she explain the evidence?

Huang Ziyao was having mixed thoughts at the moment.

She stared at Xi Xinyi for some time before asking, "Xinyi, I want you to answer me honestly. Is that child really Yifeng's?"

Xi Xinyi's sobs stopped and her eyes widened as she heard Huang Ziyao's question. She could not believe what she just heard. In shock and sadness, she whispered, "Mother... You..."

"What do you mean by that?" Yue Lingsi stared at Huang Ziyao, anger brewing in her eyes. "Are you saying that Xinyi is carrying someone else's child? They've been living together in Yifeng's villa ever since they came back. Shouldn't Yifeng know if it's his child?"

Huang Ziyao's expression changed after Yue Lingsi exploded. "I'm just asking. I just hope that nothing will go wrong."

Xi Xinyi could not help but cry, "You guys can go back now. I'll just abort the child."

"Xinyi! What are you saying!? We want the child even if they don't. The Xi family can still afford to raise a child. Ziyao, your words are really hurtful!"

Yue Lingsi's expression darkened as she glanced at Huang Ziyao furiously while comforting the crying Xi Xinyi. "Do you know that Yifeng is really horrible? He really shouldn't be with Xi Xiaye anymore after being engaged with Xinyi. Look at these!"

She then threw a stack of photos on the table to Huang Ziyao. They were candid photos of Han Yifeng and Xi Xiaye taken by the South River!

Huang Ziyao was stunned for a moment. She grabbed the photos and studied them as she frowned.

Why was Yifeng with Xi Xiaye? How did they get these photos?