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### Chapter 381. Master Mu Cleaning Up (4)

Xi Xiaye did not reply. She lowered her head and looked at him holding her slightly swollen hand as he clenched them a little.

“Does it hurt?” he asked gently.

“A little...” she replied quietly with a pitiful tone in her voice. She thought he would comfort her. Instead, he stared at her and said coldly, “You deserved it.”

While he answered with those mean words, his hand that clenched her hands gently did not stop. “Next time, let the others do this. While the skin on your hands is pretty thick, it’s not going to be tougher than their fists. You’re not suited to teach people a lesson. You acted like a gangster. You need to be more civilized even when fighting.”

“I’m always a gangster anyway. Why should I be civilized with someone like that? Do you think they’ll listen to me just because I spoke? Yue Lingsi is mad! Deal with her any longer and I’ll be put at a disadvantage.” Xi Xiaye stared back at him.

“I didn’t say anything, did I? I’m just worried that they tricked you again, my dear.”

Xi Xiaye closed her eyes. “I’ll take whatever they throw at me. I’m not afraid at all.”

He smiled and stopped saying anything. He would just have to watch over her then.

Shen Wenna was asleep when they returned to the ward while Xi Mushan seemed exhausted.

Not only did he need to take care of Xi Jiyang at home, but he also had to be in the office in the afternoon, and now...

Xi Xiaye stood behind him and saw his worn out expression. She could not bear to see him like this. After a while she turned around and gave Mu Yuchen a glance, she only turned away again when he nodded slightly.

After some internal struggle, she gently patted Xi Mushan's shoulder. He woke up with a start and looked at Xi Xiaye.

"Father, you should go back and rest. You seem pretty tired. Mu Yuchen and I will be here," said Xi Xiaye to him.

Xi Mushan took a deep breath. The exhaustion in his eyes decreased a little as he glanced at Shen Wenna on the bed and shook his head. "It's fine. I'll look after her. You and Ah Chen just rushed back here, so you guys should go back. Besides, I want to spend more time with your mother. We never really had the chance before."

"But you look like you'll fall any moment, and Grandfather needs you to take care of him too. Just leave this to me." Xi Xiaye tried to convince Xi Mushan, but he did not move an inch from the chair.

Xi Mushan turned towards the silent Mu Yuchen and said, "Ah Chen, bring Xiaye back tomorrow. I'll stay here tonight."

Mu Yuchen's eyes darkened as he looked at Shen Wenna from the back. He glanced over at the woman by his side before he nodded. "Okay, please take care of Mother for tonight. We'll come over tomorrow. I'll have some people to stay on guard outside."

Xi Mushan nodded in appreciation., "Okay, don't worry. I'll call you if anything happens. Hurry up and go back now."

He seemed like he did not want to talk anymore. He just looked away and adjusted Shen Wenna's blanket.

Mu Yuchen pulled Xi Xiaye out as she stared on blankly.

The two of them did not say anything on the way back. Mu Yuchen was driving while Xi Xiaye rested with her eyes closed.

After some time, she asked quietly with her eyes still closed, "Do you think it's possible for Father and Mother to get back together again?"

He glanced at her while driving. His deep voice sounded comforting, "It depends on them. They will if they can let go of the past. Otherwise, it'll be impossible. Father intends to make amends and is now trying to do so, but if Mother insists, then..."

Mu Yuchen did not continue, but Xi Xiaye knew what he was going to say.

She sighed, "Mother was deeply hurt by Father back then. Xi Xinyi is almost the same age as me. How can a proud woman like my mother accept it? Moreover, it's someone whom she thought was her best friend."

"Mother is just like you... Kind, straightforward, and never wary of people around her. If someone who usually never contacts you suddenly came close and started treating you nicely, they mostly have other intentions. Do you understand?"

"I was still a child back then. How would I have known who was good and who was bad? It wasn't written on their faces." Xi Xiaye opened her eyes and looked at him, her expression drowned in sorrow. "Mother is having another check up in two days. If her condition doesn't change, I... I..."

"Don't worry. The doctors haven't come to a conclusion yet, have they? You're too pessimistic sometimes. Who knows if she might get back together with Father because of this? Just like Ah Mo and Lingshi, they might appreciate someone they've lost before. They're not children anymore and should know better than us."

Mu Yuchen continued gently, "It's their business whether they get back together or not, and we can't intervene at all. We can only give them courage and hope."

"Mmm, the first thing is to make Father divorce Yue Lingsi. Only then can he regain the right to get back with Mother. They seized Father for so many years and it's time to take him back." Xi Xiaye closed her

eyes and said, "And then I'll take back whatever that belongs to me and my mother. I want them to experience how it feels like to lose something."

"Alright, stop worrying about this now. Focus on taking care of Mother. You don't have to go to work for the time being. The wedding dresses should be here soon. We'll bring Mother over and take a family photo together. Grandpa mentioned this to me before."

"Grandpa... I just called him. He's outside City Z now, so I didn't tell him about Mother's condition. I'm afraid that he might not be able to take it."

Xi Xiaye's heart sank. She wondered what would happen if Shen Yue came back and found out about what had happened to Shen Wenna.

"Grandpa is a strong person. Don't worry. He's always thinking about you and Mother. Why else do you think he never interfered between you two and the Xi family? It's for you and your mother's sake. If anything happened to Father, the first person to be sad would be you or your mother, understand?"

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The next day, Xi Xiaye went to the hospital early in the morning. She bumped into Su Nan when she arrived at the hospital. Her friend looked exhausted and apologetic.

"I'm sorry, Xiaye, I didn't protect Aunt Shen. She became like this because of me. I was too reckless, I shouldn't have triggered those two mad women! It's all my fault, Xiaye. I don't care if you're going to beat me up or scold me. I won't say anything about it."

At the corner of the corridor, Su Nan's eyes became teary. She had been worrying and blaming herself for the past few days and was struggling to face them again.

Xi Xiaye frowned slightly as she looked at Su Nan who was on the verge of crying. She put on a bitter smile and hugged her. "What are you talking about? How is this your fault? You wouldn't have spoken up for her if you didn't think of her like your mother. She mentioned it to me last night and was worried that you might be overthinking. Cheer up! There's still a baby inside you."

Su Nan sniffed and sobbed. "Yue Lingsi is really horrible! Not only did she destroy your parents' relationship, but now she's even saying otherwise. I've never seen anyone this shameless in my whole life."

Xi Xiaye sighed, "You should already know what they're capable of, don't you?"

"Xiaye..." Su Nan called out to her softly.

Xi Xiaye smiled and gave Su Nan's shoulder a pat as a comforting smile appeared on her face. "Don't worry. Their happy days are numbered. Maybe it's karma, so you don't have to worry so much now. Alright, let's go in. Mu Yuchen and my father are there. I think my mother just woke up too. She'll be very happy if you visit her."

Xi Xiaye then turned around and headed into Shen Wenna's room. Su Nan remained stationary for a moment. Although she did not know what Xi Xiaye meant, she did not give it much thought and followed her.

In Shen Wenna's room, the doctor had just finished another checkup on Shen Wenna. Mu Yuchen was talking to the doctor while Xi Mushan was helping the nurse to change Shen Wenna's drip.

Although Shen Wenna was usually pretty distant, she was afraid of needles, so she frowned the moment she heard that the nurse was bringing the needles over. Xi Mushan held her and grabbed her hand as the nurse did her job.

The young little nurse smiled enviously. "Teacher Shen, you're like a little girl. Needles aren't painful. You don't have to be afraid."

"She has a slight phobia of blood," replied Xi Mushan to the nurse for her. His eyes darkened as he realized something. After a while, he said, "Be careful. She's afraid of the pain."

The nurse chuckled a little. Despite her putting Shen Wenna on the drip, the Mayor was the one getting nervous.

“Alright, it’ll be done very soon.”

Xi Xiaye saw this exact scene when she came into the room. Xi Mushan was holding Shen Wenna tenderly in his arms. She smiled and traded glances with Su Nan behind her before they both chuckled.

Their giggles alerted the patient, and Shen Wenna quickly pushed Xi Mushan away as her face blushed. She kept her usual poker face, but it did not seem very natural.

Shen Wenna listened to the chuckle from the door as she asked, “Is that Xiaye?”

“It’s me, Mother! And Nan Nan is here to visit you as well!”

Xi Xiaye came to her bedside. The nurse was already done and was now adjusting the tubing.

“Aunt Shen, are you feeling better?”

Su Nan put a Thermos on the table and came nearer as Xi Mushan helped Shen Wenna to lie on her back before heading to Mu Yuchen on the sofa.

“I’m much better. Don’t worry, you silly girl. It’s not your fault. I’m the one who wasn’t careful, so don’t overthink.”

Shen Wenna put on a smile as a faint light flashed in her eyes as if her loss of sight did not affect her at all.

“It’s no big deal. I can take this as early retirement.”

“But you can’t see anymore! I... I really...” Su Nan sobbed, gripping Shen Wenna’s hand with both her hands.

"I can't see, but I can still hear. Alright, I'm fine. Isn't everything okay right now?" Shen Wenna patted Su Nan's hands. "I'll be discharged in a few days after my condition has stabilized. I'm not very comfortable here. Who knows if I'll feel better at home and I can start seeing again?"

"Aunt Shen..."

Xi Xiaye stood aside quietly, staring at Shen Wenna's calm face. She felt pressured when she saw her relaxed manner.

She turned away and closed her eyes as she took a deep breath. The bitter feeling coming up her throat was hard to suppress.

After a while, she poured a glass of water for Shen Wenna and handed it to Su Nan.

"Aunt Shen, have some water. Your lips seem a little dry."

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Xi Xiaye bent over and adjusted her blanket a little before heading toward Mu Yuchen.

The doctor flipped through the record file as he said, "If the patient insists, she can be discharged in a few days. Remember to bring her out for walks frequently. She might feel better in a different environment and it could possibly help with her sight. We'll observe her for a few weeks and see if there are any changes in the blood clot inside her brain, then we'll analyze it again."

"We'll list some things to be noted down. The hospital can send an experienced nurse to take care of her too. Mayor Xi, Chairman Mu, don't worry. It might not be as bad as we thought. More importantly, we'll have to take a look at her condition in the later stages."

Xi Mushan nodded. "What's the result of the checkup?"

“Aside from the blood clot, she had a slight concussion and might experience a headache from time to time. Try to refrain from doing any extreme physical activities, always maintain a positive mood, and take the medication and treatment on time. It’ll be fine after a while.”

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After the doctor finished, he left.

“Mother, do you want to be discharged already?” asked Xi Xiaye softly as she sat down on the sofa on the side.

“She said she doesn’t like the hospital, and it’s quite boring staying here, so she wants to be discharged,” Xi Mushan said with a dim expression. There was a frustration that could not be concealed in his tone.

Xi Xiaye paused before she subconsciously turned to look at Mu Yuchen. When he saw him looking to Xi Mushan thoughtfully, she was about to say something. However, a light knocking on the door suddenly interrupted her.

The few of them quickly looked toward the door and saw Ah Mo whose arms were still tucked across his chest.

Ah Mo bowed slightly and called out softly, “Master!”

Mu Yuchen walked out unhurriedly.

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Mu Yuchen sat down on the bench in the corridor. Ah Mo quickly handed him a leather folder. “Master, these are the information we’ve got. We have Li Si’s one too. Some other things are still being investigated.”

Mu Yuchen reached out and took it. Opening it, he then casually pulled the document out. He briefly looked through it as well as the attached pictures, then nodded and put it back.



“Good job! This is an unexpected outcome. I’ve been considering how to shut the Yue family’s mouth so that they won’t be able to refute. This is here just in time.” Mu Yuchen’s brows lifted as he looked thoughtfully at Ah Mo.

A smile instantly surfaced on Ah Mo’s handsome face. “This is all to Ah Bao’s credit. Unexpectedly, he lives in Kowloon New City and saw Yue Lingshi. He even remembered her. This might be God’s will.”

Mu Yuchen’s gaze instantly stopped on Ah Mo’s arm as he asked in a low voice, “How has your hand been feeling these two days?”

Ah Mo lowered his gaze and looked at his arm that was still bandaged. He then broke out into a smile. “It’s no big deal! It’ll be fine in a few more days. Don’t worry.”

“How is it on Grandfather and Grandmother’s end?”

Mu Yuchen had not really called home in this period of time. He had just told them about Ah Mo’s situation the other day.

“They sent over some servants to my place. They bought Lingshi’s clothes and shoes in the dozens! They even hired a pretty skilled footman for her. I’m sure they must be worried. Since the matters at Movie City have been handed over to VP Liu for now, I’ve been planning to go around the club every day with Lingshi. That way, I’d feel more assured.”

When he spoke about this, Ah Mo’s tone seemed to have turned slightly heavy. “Master, have you investigated the other end’s matter clearly? Since we can prove that the driver was a cancer patient, I keep thinking there’s more to it. If you follow the clues, you might find something.

“Also, Master, previously I’ve been taking notes on the Gu family. After that incident, they’ve been close business dealings, but Qi Qiming never let Qi Lei get involved with Qi Kai and the Gu family collaborations. This is quite unbelievable.”

Ah Mo revealed his doubt as his eyes were dense with depth. “I’m very worried that if this incident wasn’t an accident, then...”

“Don’t confuse yourself first. If it wasn’t an accident, it’d actually be good for us. This means that someone is secretly going against us. As long as they make a move, then we won’t be far from the truth. I do hope that it was really Qi Feng. I’ve looked for them for quite a few years now. It isn’t him who needs to settle the score with me, but it is I who have scores to settle with him,” Mu Yuchen responded with a cold expression. His eyes hid a faint gloom.

“Don’t worry, Master. I’ve already gotten people to inspect it. As long as they are in Los Angeles, we’ll turn the entire city upside down and find them.”

Ah Mo’s tone was certain and his eyes concealed a hint of stern coldness. “That way, we can get Shi Shi her justice. We must clarify what happened years ago. Why would Lingtian have done that? His death is still so suspicious...”

Mu Yuchen’s expression darkened while his fingers were propped against his forehead heavily. He shut his eyes to ease his mind for a while, then said in a deep voice, “Perhaps only Qi Feng or Gu Lingsha can give you the answer to this, so we must find them.”

“Yes! Master, please don’t worry. As long as they’re still alive, we’ll definitely be able to find them.”

Mu Yuchen nodded. He looked down at the leather folder in his hand, then suddenly said, “Could you suppress the news from the media?”

“Xi Xinyi wanted to use the current relationship between Teacher Shen and him to cause huge news. Yesterday, someone even anonymously sent a lot of scandals related to Teacher Shen. It’s from an IP address abroad. I’ve managed to push things down for now, but there’s not much we can do about it. Suppressing things like that isn’t a solution. We must find a way to resolve it as soon as possible.”

As he listened to Ah Mo, Mu Yuchen suddenly frowned slightly. “Abroad? Could you find out from where exactly?”

“We can’t. I’ve tried.” As Ah Mo admitted this, he could not help but sound defeated. “Master, then now...”

“Resolve the thorny issues first. It’s time for these old affairs to stop too.” Mu Yuchen lowered his head contemplatively, studying the folder in his hand for a long while before continuing, “You rest well. We can set out on our journey after a few days of rest after the first of May. Just leave the matters here to Li Si and the rest.”

“Got it, Master! Right, Master, do we want to take note of the Yue family’s tendencies? I’m worried about them doing something to Mayor Xi. Previously, the elder from the Yue family had an unhappy encounter with Mayor Xi because of Xi Xinyi’s matters. The Han family refuses to confront the problems. I heard that Han Yifeng did ask Xi Xinyi for a divorce, but there hasn’t been an outcome until now.”

“They won’t be able to get divorced so easily. You don’t have to care about that.”

Bam!

Mu Yuchen had not finished yet when suddenly there was a loud collision. The two of them reflexively turned to look and noticed that Shen Yue’s frail body had appeared at the entrance of Shen Wenna’s ward. He pressed the walking stick in his hand stiffly against the door and before Mu Yuchen could react, he had already gone in!

That was bad news!

Alarmed, Mu Yuchen quickly walked over to the ward in huge strides.

However, he was indeed too late. He had just reached the door when he saw Shen Yue’s walking stick in his hand that was about to fix Shen Wenna’s blanket. His aged and stern voice sounded extremely clear and imposing in the large ward. “Who allowed you to come here?! Get lost!”

The tapping that came as a result of the walking stick hitting his finger bone startled Xi Xiaye. She then quickly rushed over to hold Shen Yue.

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Xi Xiaye stopped Shen Yue who was about to swing his walking stick again, crying out in alarm, “Grandpa!”

As she shouted, she reflexively looked toward Xi Mushan and saw that his left hand was already swollen. His entire hand trembled with pain. The walking stick had hit him right on his finger. It must have hurt very much.

However, Xi Mushan's expression remained calm. There were only signs of enduring the pain between his brows, and he was looking straight up at Shen Yue whose expression had hardened.

Shen Wenna reacted at this moment too. She quickly sat up straight and widened her eyes. She struggled to hurl both her hands out. "Father!"

"How dare you come here? Do you think I'm dead?"

Shen Yue gripped his walking stick tightly as his old eagle eyes were dense with a sharp coldness. He looked bitterly at Xi Mushan.

"Grandpa, don't be so worked up. Sit and talk." Xi Xiaye blocked Shen Yue, afraid that he was going to beat Xi Mushan up again. Knowing Shen Yue's temper, it was very likely that he would. In fact, Xi Mushan definitely would not evade him too.

"How can I not be worked up? Look at the kind of woman he married?"

"My daughter was willing to desert me to go with you, and look how you've treated her! How did the Xi family treat her? I have never liked you. If it weren't for my child's dignity, do you think I wouldn't dare to give you a lesson?"

Shen Yue flew into a rage, pointing at Xi Mushan with his walking stick and cursing, "You've got it going great for you! Xi Jiyang's not a good person either. He's been doing pretty steadily as a government official all these years, letting the two women ride on his neck. You two have really benefitted from them! Why did you come over? Do you deserve to come?"

"Grandpa, Grandpa, that's enough! Father's just here to take care of Mother..."

“Does he deserve to be your father? Do you still call him your father? He’s the husband and father of those two women in the Xi family. Who’s your father? Did you forget about the hurt now that your scar’s healed? You, get out! Immediately! We can’t fit the Buddha in here. Don’t tarnish my daughter’s reputation!” Shen Yue fiercely lashed out at Xi Mushan, tossing the rolled up newspapers in his hand at Xi Mushan.

Xi Mushan reflexively reached out to catch it. What greeted his sight was a headline about him and Shen Wenna!

“Father, I...”

“Father? Who’s your father? Don’t call me father. Your father is Xi Jiyang, that shameless, old fellow! Go! Don’t come and harm my daughter. Isn’t it all because of you that things are what they are today? If you’re a man, then take responsibility.” Shen Yue’s tone was hostile as though his words were his daggers. He did not leave Xi Mushan any dignity at all!

Xi Mushan was not angry either because it was his fault that they were where they are today. As long as he could fight for Shen Wenna again, he would do anything. This little lesson was nothing. He had long prepared to receive Shen Yue’s lecture.

“Father, I know this is my fault, so I will take responsibility. I will take care of Na Na with my whole heart from now on. Please believe me.”

“Don’t talk nonsense with me here. Do you think I’m the foolish Wenna from years ago? That I’ll just believe whatever you say? Come talk to me when you’ve settled all your matters at home, you bastard!”

Shen Yue was getting angrier as he spoke. Clutching his walking stick, he wanted to walk over, so Xi Xiaye had to stop him herself. Mu Yuchen walked over in huge strides as well and saw that the back of Xi Mushan’s hand was already swollen. His gaze darkened a little.

“Father, Father! Don’t be impulsive!”

Shen Wenna hurled out her hands in panic toward the source of the voices.

“Mother!”

Shen Wenna almost fell off the bed. Thankfully, Xi Xiaye was quick enough and Mu Yuchen was a step ahead, so the husband and wife managed to support Shen Wenna from her left and her right.

“Everyone, calm down. The doctor says Mother can’t be provoked.”

Xi Xiaye frowned and said, “Father, go home first. You’ve already stayed here for so long. You must be tired too.”

Then, her clear gaze looked at Mu Yuchen as she said softly, “Send Father out. Grandpa’s a little emotional. Don’t make him worry further.”

Nodding, Mu Yuchen turned to look at Shen Wenna and he could vaguely see that she had mixed emotions in her expression. It was not the same stillness from before.

“Mother, I’ll let Mu Yuchen send Father back first.”

When Shen Wenna heard her, she nodded. “Go then. Sorry for troubling you, Ah Chen.”

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“Father, come out for a while. I have some things I wanted to talk to you about too,” said Mu Yuchen, then he walked out of the door. Throwing a look at the furious Shen Yue, Xi Mushan shifted his gaze towards Shen Wenna on the sick bed. “Na Na, I’ll come over again at night.”

Shen Wenna did not answer. She just turned her head to the side. When Xi Mushan saw that, his expression darkened, and he could only turn away and leave sadly.

Xi Xiaye looked calmly at that figure moving further away. She felt a bleakness in her heart, yet she could only quietly avert her gaze.

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Following Mu Yuchen outside, Mu Yuchen who walked ahead only stopped when he reached a turning corner. Then, he turned to look at Xi Mushan who also halted behind him.

When he saw Mu Yuchen's handsome face burdened with an indescribable heaviness, Xi Mushan called out softly, "Ah Chen?"

The current Xi Mushan still had some gloominess in between his brows while the back of his left hand was scarily swollen. He thought about it, then said, "Let's talk as we walk. Let's go over and get the doctor to help you fix your hand up first."

Then, before Xi Mushan could say anything, he had already walked ahead, still holding the leather folder that Ah Mo had passed to him earlier.

When they reached the nurses' station, he let the nurse apply some medication for Xi Mushan, and then bandage it up before Mu Yuchen personally sent Xi Mushan downstairs.

Upon reaching the car, Mu Yuchen, who had not really said anything all the way, finally spoke up softly, "Grandpa's temper is like that. Because he's worried about Mother, you don't have to take it to heart, Father. Xiaye is quite worried about you."

Xi Mushan nodded gently. "Mmm, I know. I don't blame him too. This is what I deserve. I'm really sorry for making you two worry!"

At this moment, Xi Mushan did not have his all-powerful imposing manner and sharpness as he usually did in the political world. All that remained seemed to be a shell of fatigue and humility. It looked like he had been emptied out and his expression seemed a little dazed.

Seeing this, Mu Yuchen felt an unnamed gloominess in his heart. He looked down at his bandaged left hand. When Shen Yue hit him, he did not even make a sound which was enough to conclude that...

“The incident this time has actually impacted Mother a lot. She only pretends to be strong because of Xiaye and you, and Grandpa, Father. Now that the matter has come to this, you shouldn’t blame yourself so much.”

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Mu Yuchen was quiet, his eyes indicating his concern when he looked at Xi Mushan.

Xi Mushan’s expression darkened as he sighed, “That’s how your mother is. I’m used to it already, but I owe the two of them so much that I don’t know how I can ever make amends.”

“What is Father planning to do? Mother is going to be discharged in a few days. With her current condition...”

Mu Yuchen’s question put Xi Mushan on the spot!

What now?

What could he do?

Shen Wenna would surely head back to the Shen Residence after she was discharged. What about him?

Could he still go back now?

With all the messy relationships around him now, how could he protect her? What was the “forever” he talked about!?

Was he making empty promises again?

Xi Mushan clenched his fists as his eyes started to water.

“Since things have come down to this, I suppose you aren’t afraid to lose anything else, are you? You should pursue what feels the most important to you. You might lose it the next moment.”



Mu Yuchen looked at him calmly and said, "I know that you're afraid to lose. You're afraid that Mother will reject you, so you're hesitant. I don't want to add anything on. I just want to let you know that Xiaye and I will always treat you as our father. Be it for you or Mother, we'll always be here."

Xi Mushan was stunned and he stared at Mu Yuchen in shock. After a while, he mumbled, "What you just said... Did Xiaye tell you that she's willing to forgive me?"

Mu Yuchen smiled as he looked down at Xi Mushan's bandaged hand. "I think that she never really blamed you. What she always longed for is the love and care from you both. She can even forgive someone like Xi Xinyi, so why can't she forgive the man who gave life to her?"

Hope sparked in his eyes as he spoke and he looked at Xi Mushan genuinely. "Father, I hope you can make up for the lack of paternal love in the past twenty years. I beg you to be fair to her, to be fair to Mother, and to be fair to yourself. At your age, you should really fight for what you really want."

A bitter taste rushed towards Xi Mushan's throat as he felt a pain in his chest and he could not keep a calm expression like earlier anymore. His expression seemed a little cold and lonely.

"Father, be strong. Xiaye and I will help you however we can. It might be a rough path but as long as you don't give up, I'm sure things will work out!"

As Mu Yuchen saw the wavering in Xi Mushan's eyes, he took a deep breath and handed him the stuff in his hands. "I think you'll really appreciate these right now."

Xi Mushan glanced at Mu Yuchen before taking it from him. He opened it and flipped through the documents inside.

Suddenly, his expression turned from being cold and lonely to becoming unbelievably surprised!

He looked at Mu Yuchen in bewilderment. "These... These... How did you get them?"

He was aware that Yue Lingsi was cheating on him, so he tried to find out more but there was no result.

He never touched her ever since that night. Instead, he put all his focus onto his political career. Moreover, he did not find any woman more attractive than Shen Wenna. He felt that he could only be deemed a complete man when he was with Shen Wenna.

That was also why he missed and loved her even until now.

Throughout his political career, many women tried to lay him honey traps, but no matter how seductive they were, he just could not forget about Shen Wenna.

He then realized that he lost himself to her when he signed his name on the divorce contract. He had always been there, so how could he not go back to her to look for himself?

“I just happened to find out. It must be God’s will.” Mu Yuchen smiled.

He had asked Li Si to investigate Yue Lingsi but had only gotten some trivial information. They would probably have missed this piece of important information if Ah Mo and Ah Bao had not been alert enough!

Li Si had mentioned before that lonely people were prone to making mistakes. Not everyone could go through the loneliness. At least, Yue Lingsi did not feel like she could. Shen Wenna and Xi Mushan were each other’s first love, so...

Mu Yuchen thought Li Si was just talking nonsense, yet now...

“With these, you can start your negotiations with Yue Lingsi. I know you’re being pressured by the Yue family. I will...”

“It’s alright, Ah Chen. Thank you! I think these are enough! I’ve handed in my resignation letter. Now that I’ve spent half of my life in the political field, it’s enough. I just want to spend the rest of my time with the two of them.”

Xi Mushan smiled, seeming much more relaxed now. "Don't tell them about this and wait until I'm done settling everything. I'll head back for now. Please take care of your mother!"

Xi Mushan kept the documents and went into his car, driving away swiftly.

Mu Yuchen was caught off-guard.

Resigned?

He should be at the peak of his career now. Furthermore, his achievements were great and many people loved him. If he stayed for another year or two, he would rise even higher!

Even Mu Tangchuan was impressed.

Did he not care now?

Xi Mushan's words shocked Mu Yuchen. He never expected such action from him!

However, things might be better like this. If Xi Mushan could take care of Shen Wenna personally under such circumstances, maybe they could go back to how they were!

Mu Yuchen was starting to look forward to it.

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In contrast to the peace on Mu Yuchen's end, a storm was brewing in Shen Wenna's room!

"How dare they!? How dare they!? Do they think us Shen family can be easily bullied? Ridiculous!"

Mu Yuchen heard Shen Yue's furious voice roaring from inside as he arrived at the door.

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As expected, the first thing he saw after he went in was Shen Yue walking to the side of Shen Wenna's bed angrily. The wrath inside him was spiraling out of control.

"What did I tell you back then? Huh? You didn't believe me! The Xi family is abnormal. They are a prideful political family. I told you to not marry him, yet you insisted on going to Xi Mushan! Huh?" Shen Yue was scolding Shen Wenna. The anger inside him burst out all at once, highlighting his hatred towards Xi Mushan and the Xi family!

"I disagreed to the both of you being together, and you dare to threaten to renounce your relationship with me. Look what's happened now! What's happening? Mu Tangchuan is doing just fine, and a thousand times better than Xi Mushan, so just what's wrong? Is he not as handsome as Xi Mushan? Is he not smart enough? Look at how happy their family is now? Do you see how handsome Ah Chen is?"

Suddenly, he noticed Xi Xiaye's odd expression and then realized the logical flaw in his sentence. He then continued, "Luckily, I'm quick enough to grab Ah Chen. Xiaye, you're much wiser than your mother! If you married Han Yifeng, you'd surely have led a hard life! A man like that needs a wife to serve him forever. How could you be happy marrying a man like that?"

Shen Wenna's face turned pale as Shen Yue scolded her. A faint light flashed in her beautiful eyes, hinting at her aggrieved and sad emotions.

"Alright, Grandpa, stop it! If that happened, there wouldn't be Mu Yuchen and me anymore. Moreover, don't you see I'm pretty stupid as Father and Mother's child? Though Mu Yuchen is quite smart..."

Xi Xiaye tried to help Shen Wenna out when she noticed her evident discomfort.

Shen Yue calmed down drastically. He took a short pause before saying, "Well, there's that! At least we won't have such a messy life right now! Look at you now, what are you going to do in the future? Don't say that you don't care, you're my daughter, do you think I don't know what you're thinking?"

Shen Wenna took a deep breath and replied, "Don't worry, Father, I'm fine. I'll just take it as early retirement."

“Retirement?! You’re just over 50 years old, right smack in your mid-life, and you’re going to spend the latter half in total darkness! Do you think it’s going to be easy?” Shen Yue glared at Shen Wenna on the bed.

Stunned, she looked downward silently and did not say anything.

Xi Xiaye frowned worriedly. “Grandpa, Mother, don’t be so pessimistic. I’m sure there’s a cure for this!”

“Whether there’s a cure or not, I’m going to get this matter sorted out!” Shen Yue narrowed his eyes as a cold light lit up in them. “I’m trying to be considerate about you and Xiaye, so I never said anything in the past twenty years. I ignored it all these years when the two of you were handling them by yourselves, but with the recent incidents, I can’t just sit here and do nothing!”

“Grandpa,” Mu Yuchen finally said something as he walked over.

“Mmm.” Shen Yue’s anger and coldness toned down when he saw Mu Yuchen.

“I’ll discuss sorting things out later with you. Mother needs more rest. Let’s not worry about this for now.” Mu Yuchen’s neutral tone was effective.

Xi Xiaye quickly nodded and went along. “Grandpa, I just wanted to talk about this too. It’s difficult for us to judge their relationship, and we can’t really blame anyone for this either. It’s all in the past now.”

“Your grandpa is right. I was too headstrong and this is the price I have to pay. I deserve it, alright?” Shen Wenna mocked herself.

“Mother...” Xi Xiaye looked Shen Wenna’s pale and exhausted face. She looked like she was in deep sorrow, and her heart sank.

“This is just too frustrating! I don’t care anymore. I’m just so angry whenever I see Xi Mushan! He keeps going on about protecting you, but he was never there when you needed him the most! I can still keep an eye on you guys as I’m still alive now, but what happens after I’m gone?” Shen Yue’s voice softened.

“Those two women from the Xi family did a lot of work to track you both down. They are aiming for the Yueying shares in your hands. If it weren’t for me, they’d have gone straight to your door! Do you still think you can enjoy such peaceful lives?”

Shen Yue sat down on the sofa as Mu Yuchen poured him a cup of tea.

“Father will take care of the problems over there. Don’t be too quick to get angry now, Grandpa. We’re not just going to let this matter go.”

Mu Yuchen smiled. He knew that Shen Yue had a pretty short temper seeing how hard he hit Xi Mushan just now. Xi Mushan’s left hand was probably out of action for the next few days.

Xi Xiaye’s violent temper probably came from him. She had gone right up to Yue Lingsi’s office and beat her up, putting Yue Lingsi in a terrible state when she was sent to the hospital. Oh, how she wished she could slice Xi Xiaye up into pieces!

“If he’s actually useful and can solve this issue, the two of them wouldn’t need to suffer like this!”

Shen Yue’s impression of Xi Mushan was the worst and he had no hopes for him at all.

“Do you not have any confidence in Father?” Mu Yuchen gave Shen Yue an odd smile as he glanced at him.

“You’re smiling like a sly fox! You look just like a wicked businessman trying to lure me into a trap.” Shen Yue was an old, cunning fox himself. After all, it took one to know one.

“I’m always a businessman, and businessmen are all wicked. I want to make a bet with you. Are you nervous about it?” Mu Yuchen raised his eyebrows as he looked at Shen Yue.

Shen Yue drank some tea and stared at Mu Yuchen sharply. “Bet on what? If you lose, is your first child with Xiaye going to carry the family name ‘Shen’?”

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Shen Yue shot him a sour look, then he averted his gaze.

In response to Shen Yue's words, Mu Yuchen only thought about it a little more before he very graciously nodded and responded with a single word, "Okay."

While Mu Yuchen's response immediately made Shen Yue stop what he was doing, he looked at Mu Yuchen in shock. "Are you being serious right now?"

Mu Yuchen smiled calmly and gentleness spread over his handsome face. He nodded happily. "Of course."

"Grandpa!"

The two men had discussed all of this as if she was not there. Were they not too much? Besides, she did not even know when they would have a child!

When they heard Xi Xiaye's unexpected voice, the two men slowly turned to look and noticed that Shen Wenna was smiling slightly with her lips pursed while Xi Xiaye's fair face was already blushing. She widened her starry eyes and glared at Mu Yuchen.

"What's wrong? I've been wanting to talk to you two about this. While you're still young, quickly make one or two little ones. One would be too lonely. If there were a few siblings, it would be good for banter, wouldn't it? Ah Chen, I'm taking you seriously when it comes to this. Tell me, what do you want to bet on?"

Obviously, Shen Yue would not let go of such an excellent opportunity.

Mu Yuchen lowered his voice and said softly to Shen Yue, "I bet that in one week, Father will be able to get a divorce with Yue Lingsi. If I lose, then I will go with the condition that you have raised. If I win, then I hope that you won't intervene with Father trying to go after Mother again. Are you willing to take this bet on?"

When he heard this, Shen Yue's aged eyes immediately squinted and his old face tensed. There was a coldness that seeped into his gaze. You could tell that he did not seem very happy with this conversation.

Yet, Mu Yuchen remained calm. He looked at Shen Yue quietly and did not look nervous at all.

Shen Yue then lowered his gaze. As if after some careful deliberation, he said, "Okay, if I don't agree, then you all would think that I'm unreasonable. If he really has the heart, he wouldn't have waited until now! I'll agree with you right now. If the situation is still the same after a week, then please let him know that he doesn't even have the right to see Wenna!" He was not sloppy either. He ended it with a firm conclusion.

Mu Yuchen smiled and nodded. "It's a deal, then?"

"I, Shen Yue, will always honor my words. Since I've said it, then I'll just have to see if he'll help himself succeed. What does the Xi family think they have? Us Shens have never cared for any of their things. Those few women are just too savage. It's not just these one or two days that I've been itching to teach them a lesson. Even though a real man doesn't fight women, they have been mean and menacing. If I don't give them a warning, they won't know how to exercise restraint!"

When Yue Lingsi was mentioned, Shen Yue became furious again. He almost could not control the anger in his heart.

Mu Yuchen leisurely poured him some tea and said slowly, "Grandpa, you don't have to worry about that. I'm guessing that it'll be very hard for them to make a comeback this time. Please just wait and see."

"I know that you're hitting on Yueying. If I hadn't known that your people would've intervened, I would've combined with either Jin Yi Movies or Hua Dong Movies to swallow them whole. Then, there wouldn't be so many problems like they are right now. It's better to benefit others than them!"

Shen Yue was upset as he spoke, peering up at Mu Yuchen. "Glory World Movie City seems to be developing quite well in City B. Wenna and Xiaye still have shares with Yueying, that's why I held back and haven't made a move. Otherwise, did you really think I could have tolerated them?"



“Yueying has a pretty good foundation in the showbiz industry. If we can get it, then that would obviously be the best. Besides, I’ve always wanted to take over it and give it to her as a wedding gift,” Mu Yuchen spoke about his intentions honestly. “It will be soon. Once the time is right, I’ll be able to empty the entire Yueying, then there wouldn’t be any reason for its existence any longer.”

In response, Shen Yue nodded. “Since you already have such consideration and guarantee, then I won’t intervene. They are relying on just that, aren’t they? I’ve heard from the Yue family’s end that they recently have had some unhappy dealings with Xi Mushan. Wasn’t it you who suppressed all those news?”

As Shen Yue spoke, his sharp gaze immediately stopped on Mu Yuchen’s handsome face and his gaze was filled with confidence.

Mu Yuchen breathed in slightly and lowered his head to take a sip of the tea before he said, “It’s a bad influence, so I can only suppress the news for a while, as much as I can. If you have any difficulties, they’d be worried too.”

“You really have considered things quite a lot. I’ve read the newspapers too. Aren’t those media just spewing nonsense?”

Shen Yue felt rather repelled by the media. He lived reclusively, never accepted any media interviews, and very rarely appeared in public occasions or before the media, so he had a legendary existence in the world. Many people did not actually know his background, and most of them even guessed that he was not local, that he was an estate tycoon from abroad who got rich. Only when Fu Hua made it big did he come over to develop the land while his home was not in this city.

Naturally, Shen Yue ignored all the media guesses and continued to do things his own way.

When it came to this, he was quite similar to Mu Yuchen. Because of Mu Zi, Mu Yuchen’s aunt who was named Mu Zixi, he was influenced and personally avoided the show business industry. Now that Glory World was advancing into showbiz, almost all matters were pushed to VP Liu Lingyu to handle. He did not like to interact much with those in the entertainment business although there was no particular reason why. He simply rejected them in his heart.

“I won’t say anything more about this. Just play by ear. Aren’t you and Xiaye going to be taking wedding photos in the next two days? If you’re busy in the next two days, then you don’t have to come. I’m fine watching over here.”

When the wedding was mentioned, the fury in Shen Yue’s heart finally calmed down. “We can’t delay it anymore no matter what. Your grandparents were discussing the guest list with me a few days ago. They said that you two were planning on organizing your wedding abroad. Is that right?”

“Mmm, Xiaye says she wants to see South America. The scenery is pretty amazing there, and it would also be good to relax at the same time.”

“Go then. Young people should go out more. Having some fun is fine. Don’t wait till you’re old and want to walk more but by then it’s too hard. Last time, when your grandma was still around, she said that she’d wait till we were old before letting me bring her out to explore the world. I just went with her. I decided to wait until we were no longer busy and were retired. Then, I’d go with her... Sadly, she still could not wait. By the time I was no longer busy, she was long gone...” Shen Yue suddenly lamented, and could not help but sigh.

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When his love was brought up, Shen Yue’s calm face could not help but be colored with gentleness, yet it looked a little sad and bleak.

Mu Yuchen had heard Xiaye mention Shen Yue and Liang Fuhua’s affairs. He also knew that Liang Fuhua was Shen Yue’s only love. When Xi Xiaye talked about it, she was even filled with admiration and felt contented.

“Grandma must be living in good health and happiness on the other side. Grandpa, you don’t have to be concerned about her. Instead, you should be taking good care of yourself.”

Mu Yuchen did not know how to console him, but Xi Xiaye’s clear voice rang out. When he looked up, he noticed that she had already walked to his side.

Because Shen Wenna’s head was rather muddled and the drip made her drowsy, when Xi Xiaye helped her to lie down, she had fallen asleep very quickly.

Xi Xiaye sat down near the man who very leisurely poured her some tea.

“When one is old, we easily think of the past. How do I not miss it? Xiaye, after the wedding, come over to walk around Fuhua more. I’ve already decided to join the South River project. That way, you can come over more, and I can get you familiarized with the company. Let Ah Chen be the lead. Then, you won’t have too much pressure. Plus, your Uncle Lan and I will teach you, so don’t worry.”

Shen Yue had previously waited for the wedding to take place in October first before getting Xi Xiaye to familiarize herself with Fu Hua. He was planning to wait till the end of the year when he could hand over Fuhua to the children to hustle. However, now that the wedding was brought forward, it could work out just as well. She could spend more time familiarizing, and then it would be easier to take the reins.

In fact, now that Shen Wenna was in such a state, Shen Yue felt beyond fatigued. He was already over 70 years old, and he did not know how many more years he had left. He just wanted to have some idle days to live his life.

Xi Xiaye naturally understood Shen Yue’s intentions too. She slowly looked up at Shen Wenna who had fallen asleep on the sickbed, then averted her gaze and turned to Mu Yuchen. Upon lending her his gaze that was as gentle as the warm breeze and held faint hints of consolation and encouragement, he nodded gently at her.

She then breathed in, and looked to Shen Yue before she gladly nodded and answered, “Okay, after the wedding, I will be by your side more to familiarize myself and learn, Grandpa.”

Shen Yue nodded gladly. “It would be good for me to relax too. I’ve worked so hard all my life. In the end, I just want to have some idle days, so right now, you two had best get proper rest. Don’t worry too much about your mother’s matter. I’ve understood the situation from the doctor. He didn’t say that recovery is impossible.”

Then, Xi Xiaye did not notice what else Shen Yue said after that. Tuning out, she just watched this frail, old man standing before her. It was as if in an instant, he had aged tremendously. Almost all of his hair was white, and his expression was mellowed by time too.

Time and tide waited for no man. He had been busy for his whole life, yet in the end, he was just waiting for some days of simple idleness.

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In the afternoon, Shen Yue and Mu Yuchen left the hospital together. They said it was because they had some things to discuss. It seemed like Shen Yue wanted Mu Yuchen to make a trip to Fuhua with him.

In the meantime, Xi Xiaye stayed to accompany Shen Wenna in the hospital. The doctor went over in the afternoon to say that her condition was not considered stable just yet. Shen Wenna often felt a severe headache, so she probably needed to stay hospitalized for a few more days of observation.

It was close to the evening and the sun was marvelous. It was not harsh and scorching like the afternoon light. In fact, since Shen Wenna had laid down for a whole day, Xi Xiaye decided to wheel her downstairs for a walk and bask in the sunset for a bit.

“Let’s go over there to have a sit. The breeze is pretty nice.”

Xi Xiaye wheeled Shen Wenna to a bench by the corridor that was decorated with flowers and plants. When they found a cozy spot, she helped her sit down on the bench.

Shen Wenna reached her hand out to feel the warmth of the sun. She could vaguely smell the faint fragrance of the plants too. “It smells like jasmine?”

Xi Xiaye turned to look at the corridor of flowers, and saw that in the corner were several pink jasmines blossoming. They faced the sunset and swayed in the wind.

“Mmm, there are a few jasmines blossoming in the corner.”

Shen Wenna turned her head slightly and heard the noises ahead, so she asked softly, “How rare to have such a quiet moment. Is there someone playing football ahead?”

Xi Xiaye looked ahead. Indeed, in the field far ahead, several children were playing football. Their cheerful peals of laughter mixed with the cool evening breeze which blew gently. From where the mother and daughter sat, they could vaguely feel their joy too.

After quite a while, Xi Xiaye turned to look at Shen Wenna. When she saw that she was still trying to listen with her head cocked, she could not help but sigh on the inside. "Yes, there are three children playing football in the field ahead. People are sitting on the benches around the field. Some of them are playing chess, some are listening to music. They all looked like seniors in their 60s and 70s."

Xi Xiaye endured the sadness in her heart, and described the scene ahead for Shen Wenna.

Her mother smiled and nodded. She could not help but spread her hands to feel the warmth of the sun. "Today's weather is great for doing all that. It's been a long time since I've sat around like this too."

When she heard this, Xi Xiaye felt the pain in her heart abruptly intensify. Just as she thought it was about to spill out, the phone in her pocket buzzed.

She then took a deep breath and quickly took it out to see. It was Mu Lingshi. She answered it very quickly as she turned to look at Shen Wenna who was sighing a little. Concernedly, she could not help but notice that her lips were a little dry.

"Mother, sit right here and don't move. I'll go get you a bottle of water from the kiosk," Xi Xiaye said softly.

"Okay, I was just feeling a little thirsty too."

"Mmm, sit here and don't move. I'll be back very quickly. It's just a few steps ahead." Xi Xiaye worriedly reminded her not to go anywhere a few times before she walked ahead as she answered the phone.

"Hello? Mmm? Sis-in-law?" It was Mu Lingshi's voice.

"Mmm, it's me," answered Xi Xiaye calmly.

"Huh? Isn't this my brother's phone?" From the other end of the phone came Mu Lingshi's surprised voice.

“My phone ran out of battery, so I took his. My phone is with him. It’s probably charging in the car. If you want to look for him, just call my number.”

“Mmm, got it, Sis-in-law! Is Aunty Shen alright? I heard from Ah Mo... Well, don’t worry too much. Aunty Shen will definitely see again, Sis-in-law.” Mu Lingshi’s consoling voice came through the receiver.

Xi Xiaye smiled warmly. “Don’t worry. I’m fine. So is my mother. We will find a way to heal her eyes.”

“You will! Right, I might as well let you know that yours and my brother’s outfits for the wedding shoot have arrived. I’ve already sent them over for you. Grandma just came by earlier and made some food for you two, and boiled some soup for Aunty Shen. I’m on my way to the hospital.”

Chapter 389. Rejoicing In Someone Else's Misfortune (1)

The Mu family must have already found out about Shen Wenna.

Previously, the newspapers made the entire incident the talk of the town. It would be hard not to find out.

Why was it so hard to just have a few peaceful days? Xi Xiaye sighed as she kept her phone away after hanging up. Then, she continued toward the kiosk ahead.

Shen Wenna sat quietly on the bench, still holding the phone that Xi Xiaye had just stuffed into her hand earlier while the warm sun faintly shone on her.

Today, she was not dressed in her usual chic attire. The huge patient’s dressing gown on her made her seem particularly frail, highlighting the gentleness and elegance on her beautiful face.

She lowered her head and tried her hardest to blink her eyes that could not see. She wanted to try and see if she could look at the phone in her hands. As she tried to fumble about, she had just touched some buttons when the phone slipped from her hands and clattered to the ground.

Immediately frowning, she then bent down and was about to feel around her leg. She looked for it for a long while, yet she could not feel anything. She could only get up and squat down to slowly find it. After

spending a lot of effort before she finally found it, she straightened up and was about to sit back down. Unexpectedly, she had just taken a step when she seemed to kick something!

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Shen Wenna staggered a few steps and fell down to the ground. The phone in her hand slipped away from her once more.

At this moment, a sadistic burst of laughter that rejoiced in her misfortune suddenly erupted.

“Haha... How hilarious! You really became blind! Haha... How pitiful, Shen Wenna! How unexpected, isn't it? You would face this day too! Blind as a bat!”

Who else's hooting could this be if not Yue Lingsi?

The sharp laughter entered her ear, making her instantly turn cold. Her hands clenched tightly into fists, and her whole body tensed up for quite a while before she continued to look for the phone she dropped.

She felt around for a while before she managed to find the phone, yet a foot wearing high heels stepped on the phone in that instant. Feeling around desperately with her trembling fingers, Shen Wenna then she felt the foot.

“Move your foot away!” Shen Wenna demanded coldly.

“Shen Wenna, oh, Shen Wenna, you really are quite calm. You're already at this point, and still, you look all indifferent and nonchalant. Sometimes, I really want to rip your face off and see when you'll break down. Did you know that I actually hate this expression of yours the most!?”

Yue Lingsi's expression was icy cold. Today was the day that she coincidentally brought that examination report as evidence. She found out that Shen Wenna was at this hospital too, so she had especially come over to witness Shen Wenna in her tragic state!

At that moment, the swell on Yue Lingsi's face could still be vaguely seen. The two teeth that had been knocked out had been fixed, but it had hurt so badly. She already thought about getting back at Xi Xiaye the moment she received the examination report!

"If I'm not this calm, then should I be acting pitiful like you?" answered Shen Wenna coldly. She savagely pushed the foot that stepped on the phone away, catching Yue Lingsi off-guard. Yue Lingsi staggered, almost falling down, but thankfully, she managed to hold onto the bench in time and steadied herself.

"Stay pleased with yourself then! Wait till I expose this thing in my hand. I'd like to see how Xi Xiaye will explain herself!"

Yue Lingsi delightedly waved the document in her hand and even swung it in front of Shen Wenna's face. "How about I show you what it is? Oh, I almost forgot! You're blind now, so you can't see anything. Haha... Shen Wenna, how sad! Even God's not helping you and He knows how to get back at you for me. This is because you deserve it! Do you know that? You. Deserve. It!"

"Mrs. Yue, don't you want to watch your image a little in broad daylight? If someone else saw the way you're bullying a patient so disrespectfully, if you just shouted a little louder, you would lose all dignity!"

Just as Shen Wenna's expression turned hostile, her fists clenched and she almost could not bear it, there was suddenly a burst of demonic laughter.

That was a very familiar voice!

Yue Lingsi quickly turned to look where the sound came from, and then noticed that opposite the bench was Qi Lei gazing at her lazily!

Yue Lingsi was shocked to see Qi Lei, so she cried out in alarm, "Master Qi!"

Qi Lei smiled faintly when he saw Yue Lingsi's swollen face. "Mrs. Yue, you've really disappointed me. Based on my impression of you, you aren't someone like this, are you? Madam Shen's in an inconvenient state, isn't she? Shouldn't you be helping her out? You are our city's mayoress after all."



Yue Lingsi could hear the sarcasm in Qi Lei's tone, and her gaze immediately sank. Then, she forced a smile on that swollen face of hers. "Master Qi, why are you here?"

"If I weren't, could I have had the chance to see such an exciting side of you, Mrs. Yue?" Qi Lei did not give her any face as he retorted.

Yue Lingsi started to look awkward as if something had been stuffed into her mouth. She could not utter a single word for a long time until she finally said, "Master Qi, this is Xi Xiaye, that slut's mother. Back then, if it weren't for..."

Yue Lingsi was initially going to curse, but when she saw Qi Lei squint with those demonic eyes of his, she did not dare continue.

Qi Lei was still a patron that Yueying relied on. If she made him unhappy, that would be troublesome! As for Shen Wenna and Xi Xiaye, just wait until she exposed this thing in her hand!

"Master Qi, I still have some work at the office. I'll make a move first. I'll visit you again when I have the time," said Yue Lingsi after a pause.

She was about to turn and leave, yet Qi Lei snatched the thing in her hand away.

"You can leave now. I'd like to take a look at this."

"Master Qi..."

When she saw this, Yue Lingsi was worried, but Qi Lei evaded her. "Mrs. Yue, I heard that the filming conditions for the recent films that have begun shooting aren't great. I was just considering where I should make some rectifications..."

Qi Lei tightened his grip onto the paper in his hand as he smiled at Yue Lingsi with narrowed eyes.

Indeed, when she heard this, Yue Lingsi's swollen face immediately sank slightly, "Master Qi..."

“Mmm? What’s wrong? Didn’t you have something going on? Why aren’t you leaving yet?”

Qi Lei’s unrestrained and demonic tone held hints of hostility. Yue Lingsi had no choice but to glare at Shen Wenna, then leave unwillingly.

As he watched Yue Lingsi gradually move further away, Qi Lei abruptly averted his gaze and subconsciously looked down. He saw that Shen Wenna had begun to scramble to look for the phone on ground again.

He walked over in a few huge strides, then bent down to pick the phone up from the ground before handing it to Shen Wenna.

When Shen Wenna touched the phone, she was startled. After a while, she took it.

“Thank you, young man.”

“No worries, Auntie Shen!” Qi Lei spoke as if he was very familiar with her. He reached out to help her up, then guided her back to the bench.

Chapter 390. Rejoicing In Someone Else's Misfortune (2)

Shen Wenna sat down carefully, shocked that Qi Lei knew her surname. “How do you know that my surname is Shen?”

Qi Lei smiled as he sat down beside her. He glanced at the quiet and elegant Shen Wenna, recognizing Xi Xiaye’s shadow on her. He chuckled a little. “I saw what happened just now. Xiaye and I are good friends. She even saved me last time. I’ve been looking for a chance to thank her, but I never found it, and fortunately, today I bumped into you, Auntie Shen!”

Shen Wenna was caught off-guard. She tilted her head slightly and asked in a surprised tone, “Are you Xiaye’s friend?”

Qi Lei nodded. “We’re friends. I’m Qi Lei. Auntie Shen, just call me by my name.”

“Qi Lei?” Shen Wenna repeated it quietly. “Thank you for today.” That woman might have kept on annoying her if he had not interfered.

“It’s alright. Did you hurt yourself anywhere just now?”

Of course, Qi Lei knew about Shen Wenna. It was plastered all over the newspapers. However, there had not been any new updates these past two days, so it was obvious who was behind it.

Mu Yuchen must have locked the news down. He heard that the Yue family had been making a lot of noise about this. It was pretty unclear how things were going right now.

“I’m okay. I’m not hurt.” Shen Wenna shot him a thankful smile.

Qi Lei opened the paper in his hand. It was documented proof of an injury, a light concussion, missing teeth... He was then reminded about Yue Lingsi’s swollen face and her words just now. It only meant one thing — Xi Xiaye had beaten her up!

What a fearsome woman! Yue Lingsi probably suffered quite a painful beating, and it must have been all because of Shen Wenna.

Qi Lei averted his gaze and looked at Shen Wenna beside him. As he was putting the stuff in his hand away, Xi Xiaye’s cold voice came from the front, “Why are you here?”

Qi Lei looked up and saw Xi Xiaye with a bottle of water in one hand, her phone in the other. She threw him a cold stare.

Qi Lei put on a cheerful smile and called out to her, “Xiaye!”

Xi Xiaye glanced at Qi Lei distantly while she opened the bottle of water and handed it to Shen Wenna without giving Qi Lei any reaction. “Mother, have some water.”

Shen Wenna took it carefully as she put on a smile. “Xiaye, so Mr. Qi is your friend. We have to thank him for just now, he was really helpful.”

“Thank him for what?”

Xi Xiaye felt that something was amiss. She turned over and glared at Qi Lei with her eyes in slits. Her tone was unfriendly. “What did you do to my mother?”

Qi Lei shrugged innocently as he put on a hurt expression. “I didn’t do anything. I’m the good guy here. You can ask Aunty Shen what happened!”

“You’ve misunderstood him, Xiaye. Yue Lingsi came over just now and Mr. Qi here helped me out,” explained Shen Wenna quickly when she felt the atmosphere was not right.

“What is she doing here? Did she not have enough yesterday?” Xi Xiaye’s body strained when she heard the name Yue Lingsi. Immediately, she emitted a cold aura around her.

“I’m alright. Don’t worry. Mr. Qi made her go away.”

Shen Wenna smiled and extended her hand towards Xi Xiaye who sat beside her. Meanwhile, Qi Lei stood aside.

“See, I told you I’m the good guy here. Why do you always have such bias towards me? I went to Glory World several times to look for you. I wanted to thank you for saving me last time, but you weren’t in the office all the time. Where have you been?”

Qi Lei put his hands into his pocket and looked at Xi Xiaye from above.

“I didn’t expect CEO Qi to be such a thankful person. It’s no big deal. You helped my mother today, so we’re even now.” Xi Xiaye relaxed a little when she heard Shen Wenna’s explanation. Even her tone softened as well.

“Even? I’m afraid not. You might need to thank me instead. Take a look at these. If these reach the editors, you’re going to get in trouble.”

Qi Lei handed the proof of injury he had just received from Yue Lingsi.

Xi Xiaye glanced at it and laughed coldly. “It’s just a small trick. Did I really beat her up just because she said so? Who witnessed it? Can’t I say she’s an evil stepmother trying to force me to give her the shares in my hands? She tried to harm me when I said no. It could’ve just been in self-defense.”

“You do have some serious quibbling skills. I heard Xi Xinyi just took over Yueying and that Glory World has gone through a lot of changes recently. She was thinking of some ways to pressure you. Don’t you want to know what she is going to do?” Qi Lei gave Xi Xiaye a meaningful glance.

“I’m waiting for her! Tell her what I said.”

“Don’t say that, Xiaye. I’m not one of them. I might be on your side!” Qi Lei was trying to be ambiguous with his words, and Xi Xiaye was exhausted simply listening to him.

She looked at him coldly for some time before saying, “On my side? I remember that Qi Kai is her pillar of support in Yueying. Don’t tell me this wasn’t your idea.”

“It’s really not my idea. I’m just executing whatever my council of presidents is saying. It’s not something that I can decide on alone. I can even not help her for you. Do you think I’d help a woman like her genuinely?” Qi Lei chuckled since he never really liked Xi Xinyi anyway. What a stupid woman! She thought she was really something when she was just a pretty little thing. She tried to do some little tricks in front of him, yet Qi Lei hated women like her the most!

“I sound like a big shot now.” Xi Xiaye laughed as she left the piece of paper on the long bench. “But I don’t need your help.”

“Mother, it’s getting late now. Let’s go back.” Xi Xiaye then stood up.