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Chapter 461. Wedding Party (2)

Shen Yue pulled them up. He grabbed Mu Yuchen's hand and put it onto Xi Xiaye's as a smile spread across his face. "You two have taken your marriage certificate, and now the wedding is complete. Be good to each other and take care of one another, alright?"

Xi Xiaye teared up a little listening to her grandpa. She nodded. "I understand, Grandpa!"

"Don't worry and leave her in my hands. I'll never let her down." Mu Yuchen held onto Xi Xiaye's hands and smiled.

"I'll leave her in your hands then." Shen Yue patted their hands as his voice went quiet.

"Alright now. Xiaye has married into the Mu family, so what's there to be worried about? We almost became in-laws back then as well. Now, everyone's happy. I think it ended well. Xiaye marrying Chen Er is great. I'm just so happy right now! I don't care. The two of you need to quickly give me a great-grandchild soon. Don't worry about anything else!"

It was Wang Hui who had spoken. Mu Yinan, Xi Mushan, Shen Wenna, and even Mu Tangchuan and Zhuang Shurong came over as well along with Ah Mo and Mu Lingshi.

"I agree! I want a great-grandchild too!" Shen Yue nodded in agreement with Wang Hui's words as the crowd around them started laughing.

"Bro, Sis-in-law, that's a tough mission right there. We'll be waiting for your good news." Mu Lingshi shrugged.

"You and Ah Mo too. We'll be preparing for the two of you soon." Wang Hui glared at her immediately.

"Why is the attention on me now?" Mu Lingshi frowned and narrowed her eyes at Wang Hui. She glanced at Ah Mo and noticed that he was looking at her wistfully. She trembled slightly as she hung her head.

Ah Mo looked down as well.

“Alright, the banquet is about to start. Ah Shi, accompany your sister-in-law to change.”

Zhuang Shurong held Shen Wenna’s arm as she smiled. “Wenna, Xiaye is really beautiful in her wedding dress. She reminds me of you back then. Thank you for giving birth to such a wonderful daughter-in-law for us.”

Shen Wenna smiled back at her. “Xiaye has a lot of shortcomings as well. I hope you will tolerate her and love her. Her father and I... We’ve gone through a lot throughout the years. We feel guilty towards her and we just hope that she can live happily with Ah Chen.”

“Don’t worry about that! I’ll be sure to treat her as if she’s my own daughter.”

“I’m relieved then. I’m not sure about the others, but I can always count on you, Ah Rong!”

The crowd laughed once again.

Mu Lingshi and the two other bridesmaids came to her. “Sister-in-law, let’s go and get changed. We’re all waiting for another grand appearance of yours tonight! I’m not quite sure how great my brother’s dancing is, but we’ll wait for your performance tonight!”

Mu Yuchen lowered his head and caressed her slightly messy veil. “Change out of the wedding dress. It seems pretty heavy to wear.”

“It’s too gorgeous. I don’t feel like taking it off,” Xi Xiaye glanced at herself and mumbled.

He smiled. “The wedding dress is yours. You can keep it and just wear it whenever you want.”

“Have you ever seen anyone wearing a wedding dress to shop? What a waste... I can only wear this beautiful dress once.”

She looked at her wedding dress and then at him. Then, she adjusted his slightly creased tie as a tiny hint of tear could still be seen at the corner of her eyelash.

“Just remember this moment.”

He grabbed her hand, lowered his head and kissed her.

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After that, Xi Xiaye, Mu Lingshi, and the others went to the dressing room.

Xi Xiaye changed into a normal dress. As newlyweds, they had to drink quite a lot tonight, luckily with Su Chen and Zhou Zimo around, the newlyweds were still sober after one whole round of drinking, Su Chen and Zhou Zimo were starting to get dizzy, they were just sitting on the chairs even when the bridesmaid asked them for a dance.

The sky turned dark. It was a clear night with countless stars in the sky and things were getting lively inside the castle. Many people from the small town attended the wedding. Whether they were people they knew or not, they were all here to witness this grand and romantic wedding.

A band was churning out some cheerful tunes in the hall and many people were already on the dance floor. Even Mu Tangchuan and Zhuang Shurong were twirling to the music.

Mu Yuchen and Xi Xiaye were barely sober enough to perform the opening dance. After the dance, they just went back to their seats to rest. Luckily, Xi Xiaye made Su Nan prepare an anti-alcoholic remedy beforehand, so they took it secretly and managed to calm down a little.

The banquet continued on until late at night until the newlyweds were exhausted. Mu Yuchen sneaked Xi Xiaye away after telling Wang Hui just in case someone disturbed them later!

It later proved Mu Yuchen right!

The moment after they left, Su Nan, Zhou Zimo and the others were ready to go to their room to tease the couple. When they arrived at their room, there was no one inside, so they asked Ah Mo. Then, they found out that Mu Yuchen never planned to come back here at all. He had brought Xi Xiaye to another hotel in town!

That bastard, Mu Yuchen!

What a sly person!

Su Chen and the others scolded him on the inside. They wanted to look for them but had no idea which hotel they had gone to, so they went drinking with Ah Mo instead.

On the other hand, inside a black car on a smaller road towards the manor, Mu Yuchen smirked as he watched the car in front drive away.

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Xi Xiaye watched the car with Su Chen and the others inside drive away as she asked, "Is it really okay for us to trick them like this?"

"What's wrong? If they are really here to mess things up, we're not going to get our own time tonight at all!"

Before she could react, he left the car swiftly and opened the door on her side. He lifted her up in his arms as he walked back to their room.

He put her down on the sofa right as soon as they arrived at the room. Then, he poured her a glass of water before taking her shoes off. As he expected, her toes had become a little swollen, probably from standing the whole night.

She moved her feet away awkwardly when she saw him staring at them. Glancing at him, she mumbled, "I've been standing for too long. I didn't know having a wedding can be this tiring."

"How relaxing did you think it'd be?"

Xi Xiaye lowered her head and drank some of the water. Then, she put the glass aside and wrapped her arms around his shoulders. Her eyes were filled with stars and glitter as she peered at him ardently. "The wedding today was really romantic and beautiful. I loved it. Thank you, Mr. Mu!"

"Anything for you, Mrs. Mu."

He looked at her smile and enjoyed the grateful glance from her. His heart softened like cotton candy as his hands wrapped around her slender body uncontrollably. His strength was so great that their body almost merged into each other's. He lowered his head and left a kiss on her warm, pink lips.

He released all the passion he had inside him as their tongues clashed. She started to grab onto his shirt and leaned against him helplessly. Soon, she found that her hands were fumbling to unbutton his shirt one button after another after she took his coat off.

The temperature kept on rising. It was so hot that their sparks were almost burning the air. He almost lost control when her fingers went past his garment and reached his skin. He reached behind her back to look for the zip. However, he tried for quite a while and did not manage to find it. The two of them could not take it anymore.

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With the sound of the garment tearing, her beautiful dress was ruined right there. He lifted her up and walked towards the bedroom.

Xi Xiaye took a deep breath and said, "The zip is on the sides. It's a new dress!"

"Satisfy me and I'll get them to make you another hundred dresses tomorrow!"

Before he could reply, he put her down on the bed as he jumped onto her. His kisses rained down on her and they did not even bother to switch on the lights. They could barely see each other's faces with the starlight that came through the window.

Several pieces of clothing flew past in the dark. After a while, there was a quiet moan.

Xi Xiaye could not reject him at all; she was together in this with him.

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However, both of them never noticed that their phones in the living room had been ringing for a while.

Back in City Z, inside the CEO office of the Han Corporation, Han Yifeng seemed disappointed as he glared at his darkened phone screen. He flung his phone onto the table as he put a hand on his forehead, his eyes glum.

Han Yifeng turned around in his chair, looking at the sky through the windows and taking a deep breath. He felt depressed and terrible.

Some things were left far away in the past. Once missed, there would be no chance of getting it back ever again.

I wish you happiness, Xiaye...

Sorry...

Han Yifeng leaned back and closed his eyes. He was still out of it after a long while when a sudden knock on his door brought his senses back.

Before he could reply, Secretary Wang came in.

“CEO Han, CEO Huang is here...” Before Secretary Wang could finish his sentence, Huang Ziyao had already come in herself.

“You can leave us,” Han Yifeng said coldly without even turning his chair around.

“Yes, CEO Han!” Secretary Wang left the room as Huang Ziyao went forward to Han Yifeng.

“Yifeng!” Huang Ziyao called out to him with a frown when she saw him just sitting in his chair without moving or even looking at her.

“What brings you here today, Mother?” Han Yifeng asked coldly, he took a deep breath with his eyes still closed.

“What brought me here? What’s wrong with you not even picking up your phone? Do you know how worried we are about you? Aren’t you going to do anything?”

Huang Ziyao came to Han Yifeng’s side, feeling pitiful and angry at the same time when she saw him sitting there seemingly defeated. “What are you trying to do now? With all the ruckus with Xinyi, are you trying to divorce her?”

“It’s between the two of us. Just leave us be. I’ll handle it,” Han Yifeng said tiredly.

He did not really want to care about Xi Xinyi and him anymore. He just hoped that he could relax quietly. With a strong desire to escape, he felt there was no way he could get out of this struggle. In fact, he was trapped even worse the more he struggled.

” You’ll handle it? If you could handle it, why would you be sitting here and not see anyone?”

He was her son after all and Huang Ziyao knew him best.

“Xinyi looked for your grandfather. We know that you’re trying to divorce her.” Huang Ziyao looked at Han Yifeng with a complicated expression and she continued after a pause, “Your grandfather was furious after finding out about it. Just how long have you two been married? Do you think marriage is child’s play?”

Han Yifeng did not answer her. Instead, he asked a sarcastic question, “What did she say?”

“Things are so tense between the two of you now along with Yueying’s crisis recently...”

“Crisis? Didn’t you and Father solve it for her behind my back? What else do you want me to say?” Han Yifeng laughed coldly.

After Huang Ziyao and Han Yu spent a great fortune on Yueying’s crisis, they managed to fill up half of the financial void. At the same time, Xi Xinyi agreed to let Yueying be under Qi Kai, and make it a subsidiary of Qi Kai

Yueying barely escaped its doom while Xi Xinyi was still its CEO, and with a strong provider like Qi Kai behind it, the company was salvaged!

“Yifeng, Xinyi still has your child in her womb. Your grandfather has been feeling unwell due to the recent incidents. You know how much he longs to see you marry and have a child, especially when bad things keep happening. He’s blaming himself for indulging you so much back then!”

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Huang Ziyao seemed rather disappointed.

“If everyone stopped you back then and made sure you and Xiaye got married, all of these wouldn’t have happened today, especially with what happened to Yue Lings. I never expected her to be someone like that!”

Huang Ziyao looked disgusted. “Knowing Xi Mushan and Shen Wenna were so close back then, it was odd enough that they got divorced. It was even odder that Xi Mushan betrayed Shen Wenna after finding out what happened... Xinyi as well... but even so, we can’t just leave them alone. You know that your grandfather is a straightforward and stubborn person. There’s no way he’ll agree to her abortion!”

“So, you mean she used the child to make a deal with you all?” Han Yifeng’s frigid voice reached Huang Ziyao’s ears as he gradually opened his eyes and looked at her coldly.

“I’m afraid it’s impossible to make her agree to divorce you instantly. You’ll have to keep being her husband for these next one or two years, but after the child is born, it’ll come under the Han family and be totally unrelated to Xi Xinyi, so the two of you can get divorced after two years.”

Huang Ziyao's tone was heavy. "Your grandfather agreed to these terms. Wait until things have calmed down first and it'll be easier for you as well. Give your villa to her as compensation. Yue Lingsi is still staying there right now, and your grandfather isn't going to care about someone like that, so this is what your father and I can do. We invested in Yueying using your name. I hope you can understand us, Yifeng. We're doing it for your own good as well as for others. Can you understand?"

Han Yifeng remained silent for a long while, then he put on a bitter smile. "What else can I say now? The two of you have taken all the necessary actions already. I just hope you won't regret it in the future."

He knew Xi Xinyi too well. One compromise would not be enough to make her stop. She would just ask for more and more later on.

Now that he thought about it, every time after he compromised, it just built up the foundation for the next conflict. Unfortunately, he never calmed himself down to think about it properly. When he reflected back on the past now, he felt extreme heartache now.

How could his prideful self accept this pathetic fact?

"Since you guys have done that, don't intervene between us anymore. I don't need you two to make decisions for me about every single thing. I'm not against it if both you and Father want to come out of retirement. I'm exhausted and I need some time alone." He closed his eyes tiredly as he subtly asked her to leave.

"Your grandfather hopes that you can come back home. He has something to discuss with you."

"There's no need. You two can just do whatever you want. The final decision is not mine to make anyway. My opinion isn't important."

"Yifeng..." Huang Ziyao called out to him when she saw the wornout expression on his face. Han Yifeng turned his chair around as he pressed a button on the phone and asked Secretary Wang to send his guest out.

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After sending Huang Ziyao off, Secretary Wang asked Han Yifeng, "CEO Han, should we investigate Yueying?"

Han Yifeng pinched the space between his eyebrows as he shook his head. "The Yue family was just waiting to see what the Han family will do anyway. Grandfather's actions are just to maintain the Han family's reputation. To a certain extent, he was trying to promote the Han Corporation's position."

He somewhat understood what the elder was thinking.

"Ms. Xinyi really overdid it. She actually used her child to threaten the Han family to help!" Secretary Wang frowned.

"Maybe this is the real her." Han Yifeng smiled bitterly as his tone was filled with sarcasm.

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Morning arrived and the sun rose in the east side of the sky.

Mu Yuchen woke up early. Xi Xiaye was still asleep after he washed up, but he did not wake her up. Instead, he changed into a clean outfit and brewed himself a pot of tea by the veranda.

"Master, there's news from Los Angeles!" Ah Mo came over anxiously while Mu Yuchen stood beside the railing as he looked out at the sunrise with a cup of tea in his hand.

Mu Yuchen paused when he heard Ah Mo and his eyes brightened as he sipped some tea. Still, his voice was still calm as usual. "What is it?"

"We found something. Master, look! These are the photos they took. See who this looks like!" Ah Mo quickly handed a document to him.

Mu Yuchen glanced at Ah Mo before taking the document from him. The document contained records of the recently launched investigations with several photos.

It was clear that a woman was in the photo, but it was only a side profile. One could identify her facial features, but it was not clear enough to truly recognize who it was.

Mu Yuchen stared at that photo for a while before his eyes turned hard.

“They noticed Ah Bo and the others. This is the best shot they could take. This woman is just right there! Just from her side profile, doesn’t she remind you of someone?” Ah Mo was getting anxious. “I haven’t told Lingshi about it yet. If this is really...”

“It’s her, Gu Lingsha,” Mu Yuchen replied before Ah Mo finished his sentence. His expression darkened as it turned complicated.

“Is that really her?”

Ah Mo’s heart jumped when he heard Mu Yuchen’s response and his heart started to ache.

Mu Yuchen drank his tea calmly as he put the document in his hand onto the table beside him. There was some sorrow hidden in his eyes.

“So, that means Qi Feng and Gu Lingsha are alive, and they are hiding near Los Angeles? But, Master, Ah Bo camped out for a long time and only saw this woman as well as the servants. There’s no sign of Qi Feng anywhere! If this woman really is Gu Lingsha, where’s Qi Feng? Where could he be? Wasn’t he rescued with Gu Lingsha back then?” Ah Mo voiced out his doubts.

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Mu Yuchen sat down on the chair casually with a calm expression. He looked down at his cup of tea without saying anything.

“Master, should we keep an eye on this woman?” Ah Mo asked quietly after a while.

“Investigate what happened to her in the past few years and inform me once you find anything,” Mu Yuchen gave his order coldly as he drank some tea. “I want detailed information as well as the situation about the Gu family.”

Ah Mo was stunned for a moment, but he quickly nodded after a while. "Yes, Master! Actually, I've been keeping track of the Gu family in secret. They haven't taken any notable actions, and I don't see the Gu family coming into contact with the Qi family either. Except for some necessary business matters, there wasn't any news about Gu Lingshi from the Gu family's side as well. I suspect that the Gu family knows Gu Lingsha is still alive, so all these years..."

"As for the Qi family, Qi Qiming never give Qi Lei any real power. I think he must be paving a path for Qi Feng who is still alive. However, with Wang Qin persistently pressuring him, he must've thought about some trick to get Wang Qin off his back while he gathered people to back him up secretly. Wang Qin is too powerful and many people in Qi Kai don't really like her. In contrast, Qi Qiming took on the role of a generous and nice person. He has a pretty good reputation in the company," Ah Mo added on hesitantly. (.c om)

Mu Yuchen put his teacup down. "How're things in City Z?"

"As you expected, Xi Xinyi went to look for Elder Han, and Yueying has become a subsidiary under Qi Kai while Xi Xinyi became the CEO, and they barely managed to escape the crisis, but Yueying only exists in name now. There's almost nothing left and barely anyone stayed. Most of them went elsewhere to start anew. Its sustainability is very questionable. They would need to rely heavily on Qi Kai to provide resources," Ah Mo reported.

A hint of sarcasm crossed Mu Yuchen's face and his tone was calm. "Did the Han family invest in Yueying using Han Yifeng or the Han Corporation's name? I suppose they became one of Yueying's stakeholders and partners with Qi Kai, didn't they?"

"You're right, Master! As you said, Han Yu and Huang Ziyao invested using Han Yifeng's name. They can still get the dividends after Yueying goes under Qi Kai. They're sly foxes! In case Yueying is developed in the future, that would greatly benefit them!" Ah Mo frowned.

"They'll surely get advantages out of it... A lot of advantages."

A cold light flashed past Mu Yuchen's eyes as he spoke. He picked the photos up to stare at it before putting it aside again. Then, he pointed at them. "Compile this and send it to Wang Qin anonymously."

Send these to Wang Qin?

Ah Mo's eyes brightened after he heard Mu Yuchen. "Smart move, Master! Wang Qin is probably dying to know about Qi Feng and Gu Lingsha more than anyone else. You just need to leak this information to her and they'll have conflict within themselves. This would serve as a guard against Qi Lei as well while we just sit aside and watch what happens."

"Keep this a secret for now and don't alert anyone. Ask Ah Bo to investigate it thoroughly. You should walk around with Lingshi before heading back to City Z tonight. Are you prepared for the flight?"

"It's all ready. Lingshi is visiting a small town with Grandmother today. By the way, they asked if there's anything Missus needs to be delivered."

"She's still sleeping. Ask someone to send it over if there's a need." Mu Yuchen turned his head towards the bedroom. (.c om)

Ah Mo nodded. "Alright, I'll give them the orders then. We'll be heading back this evening. The banquet will be on the ninth. With all the work we've been busy with, you can have a good rest now, Master."

"Mmm, it's alright," Mu Yuchen replied quietly as his expression softened. "About Lingshi and you, isn't it about time to start preparing?"

Mu Yuchen's words caught Ah Mo off-guard. He looked at Mu Yuchen without knowing what to say. He just stood there quietly with a complicated expression. Feeling glum after remembering how Mu Lingshi ignored the hints he gave yesterday, he did not answer the question.

Mu Yuchen laughed as he lifted his teacup and took another sip. "She's changed a lot lately. I'm sure you can feel it."

Ah Mo thought about it as he gave his reply, "She's much more open-minded than before, especially after arriving here. Maybe she doesn't feel the suffocating pressure over here."

“If it weren’t for Lingtian’s incident, the two of you should have been married by now. Do you hate me for it?” Mu Yuchen raised his head and looked at him. From the look in his eyes, it was hard to guess what he thought.

“No, Master, whether it’s Lingtian’s incident or things between Lingshi and me, I’ve never blamed you. You don’t have to take on all the pressure alone. Both Lingshi and I know that you’re the real victim here.” Mu Lingshi smiled and his face still seemed neutral. “If I were more generous back then, things wouldn’t have turned out this way, would they?”

“Anyway, Master, Lingtian betrayed you first,” Ah Mo mumbled.

Mu Yuchen closed his eyes and took a deep breath. Then, he opened his eyes and spoke calmly, “That’s Lingtian’s own choice. If something has happened, it happened. We can’t pretend it didn’t happen just to push away the responsibility. Lingtian has his own choices and thoughts. I’m not perfect too. At moments like this, I need to reflect on myself and not find faults in others.”

“Yes, Master! I understand!” Ah Mo went quiet for a while before replying although his expression seemed complicated.

Mu Yuchen nodded and closed his eyes. With a wave of his hand, Ah Mo left quietly.

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Mu Yuchen opened his eyes as he heard Ah Mo’s footsteps walking away. He grabbed the packet of cigarettes next to him, then took one out and lit it up.

He turned back and grabbed the document and photos. After taking a last glance at it, he flicked the lighter.

The fire soon consumed the document and photos, turning them into ashes inside the trash can beside him.

He averted his gaze and looked at the bright morning sun, releasing a puff of smoke. Suddenly, a slender hand snatched the half-burnt cigarette between his fingers away. Her pleasant scent reached him as well.

“Don’t smoke too much. It’s not good for your health.” Her slightly hoarse voice reached him as she extinguished the cigarette in the ashtray.

“You’re awake.” His voice sounded gentle as he looked at her quietly and asked, “How much did you hear?”

He signaled her to sit on his lap, so Xi Xiaye went along and sat on him.

“Around half of it,” she replied calmly as she looked into his eyes. “Qi Qiming and you...”

He ran his fingers through her long hair as he replied, “Mmm, it’s just some old conflict, so it has been ongoing. Don’t worry about it, okay?”

“Was the accident that happened in City B back then planned? I know you’ve been keeping an eye there. If you feel threatened, we can hire more bodyguards. I’ve spoken to Ah Mo about it just now,” Xi Xiaye frowned as she suggested.

“It’s just a small matter! Your Mr. Mu is pretty strong you know, what’s there to worry about?”

Xi Xiaye rolled her eyes at him, “How’re things on Xi Xinyi’s side? I didn’t hear you mention it. Is Yueying...?”

Mu Yuchen frowned. “The Han Corporation funded her. Qi Kai bought over Yueying and it has now become a subsidiary under it while Xi Xinyi is the new CEO.”

Xi Xiaye then grimaced as her eyes darkened. “The Han Corporation? You mean Han Yifeng?”

“Do you think he wouldn’t have helped? Do you trust him that much?”

He looked at her with an odd smile and his tone sounded like he was teasing her. Xi Xiaye was irritated about it as she glared at him. “How would I know? Aren’t I asking you about it now?”

He laughed as a gentle expression appeared on his face. "He was smart enough to use this chance to divorce Xi Xinyi. Unexpectedly, she went to Elder Han and probably used something to trade with them, so Han Yu helped her with the funds and the Yue family took action as well. The crisis no longer exists."/ updated by ReadNovelFull.com

"What can Xi Xinyi possibly have to make a deal with the Han family? Haven't they been avoiding her ever since the incident? Moreover, with Yue Lingsi's scandal, the Yue family were furious." Xi Xiaye looked at Mu Yuchen in confusion. She had no idea what happened in City Z during their time here since Mu Yuchen never mentioned anything to her.

"She might have something else up her sleeve, so they are still investigating, but we'll find out soon."

He took a sip from his cup of tea. "We're taking the flight this evening. This morning..."

"I want to walk around with Mother," she replied before he could finish the question. Mu Yuchen glanced at her and just nodded.

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It was quiet by the seaside early in the morning. The warm sun covered the vast sky in its brightness as golden waves appeared across the ocean. Birds flew past in the sky, and the vines around the veranda swayed slightly with the wind.

Shen Wenna could not see any of these sights. The only thing she could feel was the breeze that brushed past her face.

Xi Mushan was there when Xi Xiaye arrived. The two of them went in to see Shen Wenna wide awake as she stood by the veranda for some fresh air.

Xi Xiaye looked at Shen Wenna standing quietly on the veranda as she spoke to Xi Mushan, "Father, since we're already here, let's bring Mother to the hospital here. Mu Yuchen contacted a hospital in Los Angeles to see if there's any chance of cure for her."

Xi Mushan nodded. "Ah Chen told me about it. We probably won't be attending your banquet over there. Your mother hasn't been feeling very well lately. It must be pretty exhausting for her to travel, and it took me a long time to convince her to leave the country, so we left in a hurry."

Xi Mushan looked at Xi Xiaye apologetically. He had spent almost all his time with Shen Wenna recently. Fortunately, she was not as repellant of him as before, probably having gotten used to him and she now accepted him coldly.

Xi Xiaye nodded. "Mmm, it's okay. Mu Yuchen and I should've stayed with her."

If this dark phase of her life could bring Xi Mushan and Shen Wenna back together again, that would be the best outcome.

"Leave your mother to me. I've always wanted to make up to her, so I want to do whatever I can."

Xi Mushan looked at Shen Wenna who was sitting on a rattan chair as his stern face softened. Now that he was older, he hoped to spend every passing second with his precious one.

"Whether she can see or not, I hope that I can be the one to stay by her side. Xiaye, don't worry about your mother. Finish your wedding with Ah Chen. He's arranged everything over here already."

"She will be able to see again."

In the evening, Mu Yuchen and Xi Xiaye went back to City Z. Because Shen Yue was worried, he stayed back in the end. No one saw him when they were about to board the plane, and Xi Xiaye only found out after giving him a call.

Xi Xiaye understood that Shen Yue was still unhappy with Xi Mushan. His expression hardened when he saw Xi Mushan at the wedding. If he were just a little bit less considerate, he would have made a fuss right there and then.

In the end, Mu Yuchen asked Ah Mo to stay back as well since he would worry less with him there to help out.

They were in a hurry because the banquet was to happen right after they get back, so they did not waste any time. They would settle everything on hand right now and see what would come next.

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“What is he doing here?”

On the staircase, Shen Yue saw Shen Wenna and Xi Mushan sitting together on the long bench in the front yard, and his expression darkened.

“Elder CEO, he stayed because he’s worried. That’s what Master Mu and Xiaye hoped for as well. I think it’s a pretty good idea. We’ve been quite busy with work lately. Isn’t it alright for him to be with her now?” Lan Zilang spoke carefully with a smile on his face.

Shen Yue narrowed his eyes and stared at Lan Zilang coldly. “Are you standing up for him right now?”

“CEO, I’m just trying to look at this from Miss’s perspective. I suppose she’d like to have someone by her side, especially at a time like this. Didn’t you realize that Ms. Na has been smiling more lately? It just feels that she’s not as lifeless as before. Even though she gets angry sometimes, that helps her express herself too, doesn’t it?”

Lan Zilang gazed at the two of them on the long bench with a warm smile on his face.

Shen Yue rolled his eyes at him. “I don’t see any of that. I only see an annoying person always being around my daughter, and I can’t chase him away no matter what!”

Suddenly, a quiet voice came from behind, making Shen Yue and Lan Zilang turn around. They noticed Ah Mo behind them. “Elder CEO Shen, Master and Missus really hope to see them get back together, and didn’t you promise Master to just let them be? Nothing bad can come out of it if this can help resolve some of the regrets.”

“Why didn’t you go back? You guys should be on the plane by now already, shouldn’t you?” Shen Yue was surprised by Ah Mo’s sudden appearance.

“Master is a little worried, so he asked me to stay back. The hospital has already been arranged and we’ve contacted the doctor there. We’ll head over to Los Angeles tomorrow. Professor Carl is very experienced in treating eye injuries and I’m sure he won’t disappoint us.”

“Mmm, we’ll head over quick tomorrow then. It’ll be good to get him to take a look.”

Shen Yue glanced ahead again before continuing up the staircase.

Lan Zilang just glanced at Ah Mo and said quietly, “That’s how the Elder CEO is. He kind of softened up already. It’ll be alright soon. I bet Chairman Mu is worried about Elder CEO and Mushan.”

Ah Mo responded with a smile. “It’s okay. Master had some private matters for me to attend to as well which is why I stayed.”

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Shen Wenna was sitting on the long bench quietly while Xi Mushan sat right next to her.

After some time, Shen Wenna spoke up, “You can go back. There’s no need for you to do this.”

“I think it’s fine. That’s why I stayed.” Xi Mushan gave a straightforward reply. Nothing else was more important anymore. He just wanted to be with her.

“Maybe it’s better if you stayed with Yue Lingsi and Xi Xinyi now since they need you,” Shen Wenna said coldly.

Xi Mushan acted as if he did not notice her mocking. “Wenna, I have nothing left now. I’m not related to Yue Lingsi anymore and Xinyi is an adult now. I just want to care about you for what’s left of my life.”

“Xi Mushan, I feel sorry for you.”

Naturally, she knew about Yue Lingsi infidelity. When she found out about it, she had the same shocked reaction as Xi Xiaye.

Yue Lingsi's feelings towards Xi Mushan and her possessive desire was on par with Shen Wenna's. However, she was just more cruel and unscrupulous. If Shen Wenna had toughened herself up back then, things would not have turned out this way.

Shen Wenna's words stunned Xi Mushan. After a while, he put on a bitter smile. "Yeah, I feel sorry for myself too."

"We were too irrational and acted on impulse. Had we acted more logically..." Xi Mushan sighed.

Shen Wenna's eyes darkened and a depressed vibe gathered around her. "No matter what, I shouldn't have let go. Time has punished us over so many years.

"You cannot say these things after making a mistake like that back then. What could you have done apart from letting go? You'll never understand how I felt when Yue Lingsi came back with Xi Xinyi and told me she was your daughter! Yue Lingsi always said she sacrificed a lot for you. If sacrifices and rewards can be balanced, what about the sacrifices that I've made?"

Shen Wenna's empty eyes faced Xi Mushan. "I betrayed the Shen family to follow you. I broke off my relationship with my father. I gave up on Fuhua. I also gave up my prestigious family to join the Xi family. I have to face your parents. I had to put myself down and learn to be a good wife. How did you treat me in the end? How did your parents treat me? This world is unfair. You don't always get the same amount you put in. It's shameless of you to force others like this! Xi Mushan, none of you from the Xi family can be deemed good in my eyes!" Shen Wenna's anger exploded when all the grudges she had been holding rose to the peak.

"Do you know what made me look down on you the most? I can't stand that you couldn't even protect your own daughter. When Xiaye was accused by your other daughter, where were you? You were having fun discussing marriage with the Han family! You're a failure as a husband, and even more so as a father."

"Wenna, you know I was..."

“At that time what? Did you only care about yourself or the Xi family? If you could’ve been decisive twenty years ago and quit your career like what you have now, at least, I’d have been impressed!” Shen Wenna snorted coldly.

“You know it’s not like that. I wished to be decisive more than anyone else! But have you thought about what the consequences would’ve been if we just left the Xi family like that? The Yues and the Xis wouldn’t just let us off easily. Moreover, Yue Lingsi brought Xi Xinyi back!”

Shen Wenna was stunned. She almost forgot that there was Xi Xinyi as well!

The most troublesome part was Xi Xinyi. She had been forced to compromise because of her, not just for Xi Mushan, but for Xi Xiaye as well.

Now Shen Wenna can leash out her anger towards Xi Mushan. It’s better now they can express themselves freely without thinking of their pride!

Did someone read the letter written by the elder Xi to SW....may be then she will little understand XiM problems back then

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Chapter 467. Dark Waves (4)

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Chapter 468. Each With An Axe To Grind (1)

While Xi Xinyi took in all of Qi Lei's reactions naturally, she could not help but put on a victorious grin.

"Well then? Master Qi? I told you that you don't get to decide on these things. In fact, you seem to have a prejudice against Yueying!"

Xi Xinyi charming face curved with a sinister smile as she silently looked at Qi Lei.

Qi Lei flung his phone hard on the table and his eyes met with Xi Xinyi's delighted look, appearing a little sly and unfathomable. His handsome darkened face was colored with a freakish smile in the next second. "It looks like you have a pretty good relationship with my old man. You could actually get him to recognize your worth!"

As Qi Lei spoke, he slowly leaned all the way back. "You have quite a reputation. Even the Han family can't bear to look on without helping. It looks like Han Yifeng still cherishes you for old time's sake. You've already come to this extent of a situation, and with your mother's scandal, the fact that he could endure it is really not bad."

When Qi Lei said all of this, his face brimmed with a smile that did not reach his eyes. You could not hear from his tone whether he was being rueful or sarcastic though the smile on his face looked exceptionally conspicuous to Xi Xinyi.

Upon recalling Han Yifeng's indifference and heartlessness, Xi Xinyi was stunned for a moment. Her hands that fell by her side suddenly tightened their grip onto her skirt as her face colored with suppressed anger. "Thank you, Master Qi, for your compliments. I find myself very lucky to be able to get everyone's help too."

Only Xi Xinyi herself would know the amount of sacrifice she had to do for all of this help. The reason she was not willing to give up was that there was no way she could lose to Xi Xiaye! That witch framed her, schemed against her, and made her lose everything. No matter what, she had to get back at her!

"Oh, right, I heard that your sister, Xi Xiaye, and Glory World's Chairman Mu had their wedding abroad. Didn't I hear that you two sisters had a pretty amazing relationship? I remembered when you were eager for me to be your brother-in-law. Now that she's having her wedding, why didn't you go? Also, you could have brought Yueying to Glory World since that's your brother-in-law's company," Qi Lei teased as he looked at Xi Xinyi, his tone sounding sly.

Xi Xinyi's expression turned worse. She bit her lip and coldly looked at Qi Lei. Obviously, she knew that he had said it on purpose to see her miserable.

Everyone knew that the reason for Yueying's crisis this time was Glory World's sudden departure. In fact, they brought with them a huge group of old shareholders and some precious resources, catching Yueying unprepared and exposing all of their financial loopholes. Even the banks came after them.

"Why are you looking all sad at me like that? I was just offering you a suggestion." Qi Lei shrugged innocently. He looked amused and sarcastically at Xi Xinyi. Back then, when the Xi family wanted to send Xi Xiaye into his bed with the goal of combining them with Qi Kai by marriage, he knew all about their intentions. In fact, Xi Xinyi had obscurely mentioned Xi Xiaye to him more than once, especially when she knew that he was interested in Xi Xiaye's identity as the Director of Glory World Corporation.

"Oh, right, I just remembered that you don't seem to have that fantastic a relationship with your sister. She gave up on Han Yifeng, and instead got a gold mine like Mu Yuchen. I think that you don't feel too good about that, huh? They're having their wedding banquet at the Imperial Sky Hotel. Hmm, I wonder if they invited you?"

Qi Lei had a taunting expression. You simply could not read any emotions from that expression of his.

Xi Xinyi had heard about the banquet. Not many guests were invited to the banquet, but those that were seemed to be respected people. Qi Lei must have received the invitation too. After all, Qi Kai was collaborating with Glory World in some projects.

In fact, she knew that Mu Yuchen and Xi Xiaye had gone abroad for the wedding. She probably did not have the time to care about Yueying. Otherwise, Xi Xiaye probably would not have let her make a comeback.

Ever since Xi Mushan divorced Yue Lingsi, and after the latter's scandals were exposed, she had not seen him. Xi Xinyi did think of looking for him, but...

Yue Lingsi was now akin to a crazy lady. She stayed in Han Yifeng's villa and got drunk every day. She frequently cursed Shen Wenna or lashed out about Xi Mushan. The Yue family ignored her most of the time. On one hand, they were also waiting for this news to die down by itself.

When she thought about how she had fallen to this state while Xi Xiaye gloriously held her wedding, Xi Xinyi could not help but feel anger and unhappiness surface. She could not understand why although she fared better than Xi Xiaye in everything, Lady Luck had never been on her side.

Why did the witch Xi Xiaye, who had just been dumped by Han Yifeng, turn around and immediately hook up with a perfect man like Mu Yuchen? He was someone with power and prestige, who even treated Xi Xiaye so well!

As for Xi Xinyi?

She did love Han Yifeng deeply, yet now he wished he could just kick her aside, completely disregarding the child she had. That was enough to show Han Yifeng's indifference and heartlessness!

Both of them had had numerous loving moments. Why did it turn so brittle in the face of reality? All the promises of eternal, undying love were indeed all lies!

Xi Xinyi's expression started to shift. She thought about it for a while before she looked up at Qi Lei.

While Qi Lei took all of this in, he leered demonically. "Since you're already a part of Qi Kai, then I hope you will prioritize the company's interests. If you want to use Qi Kai as your weapon, then that would be too egoistic. I am not Han Yifeng, and the Qi family isn't the Han family. If you don't behave, don't blame me for not giving you face! Even though the old man's words are firm in Qi Kai, as strong as he is, he won't be able to push around the board of directors! Got that, Miss Xi Xinyi?" Qi Lei spoke without courtesy. That sly tone of his made Xi Xinyi scoff coldly.

Qi Lei seemed to have something against her. That was obvious!

She heard that back then when Qi Kai acquired and merged with Yueying, Wang Qin and the rest did not agree. It was only with Qi Qiming's persistence that they gave in.

Qi Lei was the Vice President of Qi Kai. Wang Qin wanting to push him up to Qi Kai's main seat was not something for a day or two, but Qi Qiming did not seem to agree with it much. In fact, he did not seem

to have any intentions of retiring. She heard that Qi Qiming did not like Qi Lei very much and was always very unconcerned about him. From the phone call earlier, she could perhaps already infer something.

When she thought about this, Xi Xinyi shot Qi Lei a look. "Don't worry about this, Master Qi. I, Xi Xinyi, am not an arrogant person. Since CEO Qi has given his orders, are you going to throw out your instructions and let them continue with the work?"

Xi Xinyi's tone was not courteous. From the sound of it, it carried the strong-willed tone of a successful career woman.

Chapter 469. Each With An Axe To Grind (2)

Qi Lei shot Xi Xinyi a look through narrowed eyes while the corner of his lips curved into a sly smile. He then took the phone on the table and made a call.

Xi Xinyi's charming face then flashed with a smile. "Master Qi, don't worry. Yueying is my property, so no matter what, I won't ruin my own reputation. As long as the new movie is released in the box office, Yueying's crisis will truly be resolved. These two movies are the most anticipated releases from our company, so we can't halt them."

Xi Xinyi was practically hoping for these few movies to make her comeback. Previously, because of the Han Corporation's support and Glory World as well as Qi Kai's participation, they wanted to use their strength and start shooting a few movies at one go. They were looking forward to getting the highest ticket sales at the box office with these few movies to make up for Yueying's financial loopholes. However, who would've expected the things that happened one after another afterward, causing their downfall?

Xi Xinyi even vaguely felt that inexplicably, there seemed to be a string guiding her path, but she could not put her finger on what it was. She could only contemplate that these thoughts were a result of her being too sensitive.

"I'll wait for you to show some sort of results to prove your decisions today then." Qi Lei was quite calm as he smiled faintly at Xi Xinyi.

"I'm confident in myself!" Xi Xinyi straightened up too.

Yueying readjusted internally. Since they now had Qi Kai's resources for support, Qi Kai themselves signed on a lot of huge celebrities. She could completely rely on Qi Kai's strength to achieve her own plans!

Xi Xinyi soon vanished out of the door and Qi Lei's expression turned cold in an instant. He then huffed before his hand balled up tightly.

Upon returning to City Z, Wang Hui and the rest returned straight to the Mu residence. They still had a lot of things to do the next day. They also thought that they should give Mu Yuchen and Xi Xiaye a little privacy as newlyweds, so they were not willing to disturb them at the Maple Residence either. Zhou Zimo and Su Chen went straight home too, not wanting to be light bulbs.

When they returned to the Maple Residence, it was close to evening. What shocked Xi Xiaye was the fact that the Maple Residence had been given a simple redecoration. Some furniture had been changed to new ones, and there were beautiful flower ribbons hanging from the ceiling of the living room. It was decorated the way their bridal chamber was.

Even the railings along the staircase were decorated with blossoming champagne roses. Xi Xiaye had just stepped into the living room when this heartwarming and harmonious scene, which was the work of Sis Wang and the rest, greeted her.

Dishes and drinks were prepared and on the dining table in preparation for a candlelight dinner.

"Congratulations on your marriage, Master, Missus!" Sis Wang's voice suddenly came from behind.

Xi Xiaye subconsciously turned around and realized that Sis Wang and the Maple Residence servants were beaming behind them. All of them held presents that they then gave to Xi Xiaye.

"Thank you!"

Xi Xiaye and Mu Yuchen exchanged a look. Then, they smiled and thanked everyone as they accepted the gifts gratefully.

“Master, Missus, dinner’s ready. You’ve had such a long flight, so you must be quite tired. Have something to eat first, then shower and rest earlier. You have your wedding banquet tomorrow! We’ll go home now!” Sis Wang fussed.

Xi Xiaye nodded. “Okay, just remember to come to our wedding banquet tomorrow.”

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“I’m so tired. I can’t muster even a hint of energy.”

She walked to the sofa in the living room before throwing herself onto the soft couch. She lay down all floppy and muttered, “This wedding is really quite troublesome.”

“Some beautiful memories require sacrifice.”

Mu Yuchen handed her a warm and wet towel which she took to wipe her hands. Then, suddenly there was a gentle touch on her shoulders. She subconsciously turned and noticed that the man was gently holding her shoulders. He then started to gently massage them and she moaned in sheer pleasure.

“Where did you learn how to massage? It’s quite good,” Xi Xiaye just closed her eyes and spoke with maximum enjoyment.

“Your husband is innately talented and self-taught. Consider yourself lucky. I don’t serve just anyone.” He chuckled, then took a bolster before stuffing it to her, letting her comfortably lie on her belly before quietly continuing.

“I’ve never seen a person who felt more good about themselves than you, but I’m not the average person either. I am now your Missus Mu. Can you compare the average person to me? That’s just lowering your standards and insulting yourself. They say that a man’s quality and presence is actually presented through his woman. If you’re good to me, that means you are a wise and good man. They all say that the successful ones who are cultivated and have high quality are usually very good to their wives. Look at Grandfather and Grandmother, and Father and Mother? Isn’t that so?” she said very calmly.

As Mu Yuchen listened, he suddenly laughed involuntarily. "What logic? This is nonsense!"

Xi Xiaye shrugged to disagree. "How can you say it's nonsense? Didn't I just give you examples? She continued rather justifiably, "However, I do quite like you being self-confident and in high spirits. A good man would be more confident, so you can continue being arrogant."

"Continue being arrogant? Well then, Missus, what kind of man is considered a good man to you or someone who can be your husband?"

They rarely sat down leisurely for idle chat, so Mu Yuchen and Xi Xiaye were both feeling quite relaxed.

"Mmm... How do I say this? I think that this opinion would change with phases. Had it been before, I would've hoped that someone would console me and keep persisting with me, but now that I've gone through so much more, I suddenly find that Mother is actually right. I think that a husband and wife should be the kind of friends who speak without holding back. They have to play many roles like being a father, a brother, a teacher or a friend. Those are all the forms of a good husband. Su Nan says I'm really lucky that I managed to get you. Well, now that you've married me, do you think that you've been cheated or did you get lucky?"

She turned to look at him a little grouchy, her starry eyes challenging him.

"Of course, I got lucky. Do I look like someone who would make a bad business deal?" Mu Yuchen answered confidently without a doubt.

She then nodded, satisfied. "I think you got lucky and profited too. This matches your innate nature as a profiteer more, but I think I got lucky too."

"Missus, managing marriage is actually like managing a business. Of course, it'd be best to have a win-win situation. Just like how you told me before, I personally think that whether or not we consider marriage, one would need to first consider whether you'd be happier after marriage. If you're much better off than before, then that means the decision to get married is the right one."

Chapter 470. Each With An Axe To Grind (3)

His viewpoint was straightforward whilst his tone of voice was clear as well.

She almost forgot he was always a decisive man. His judgment was sharp and he could always simplify many complicated issues.

“There’s nothing wrong with being selfish. You have too many considerations and you trapped yourself. You’re not aiming to become a saint. You’ll be fine as long as you be yourself.”

“It’s not as simple as you said. If it’s like what you said, people would only get married for materialistic reasons. Can’t you think about their feelings?” Xi Xiaye disagreed.

He paused his movements as he looked at her and asked, “When you signed your name on the marriage contract, did you like me very much?”

She had no answer to his question. Instead, she lowered her gaze.

They did not say anything for a while. and Mu Yuchen went on with the massage. As Xi Xiaye was about to say something, her phone on the table started ringing. Mu Yuchen swiftly picked it up, and before he could say anything, a depressed voice came over from the other end.

“Xiaye, it’s me...”

Mu Yuchen raised his eyebrows instantly and he glanced over at Xi Xiaye.

Of course, he recognized who the man on the other side of the phone was.

Who else could it be but Han Yifeng?

His eyes turned cold. Without showing any emotions, he handed the phone over to Xi Xiaye.

“It’s for you.” His tone was calm.

“Who is it?” Xi Xiaye frowned slightly. He was heading toward the coffee table when she took the phone, probably looking for the remote controller.

“Mu Yuchen, could you get me a glass of water? Hurry!” she spoke loudly enough to him as she noticed he did not seem very happy. Then, she answered the call. “Hello, who is this?”

“It’s me, Xiaye.” Han Yifeng’s voice reached her ears.

Xi Xiaye was rather shocked and she sat up straight as her eyes went round in surprise before they darkened soon after. “It’s you!”

Han Yifeng was currently sitting on the chair inside his office. He had been taken aback when Mu Yuchen picked up the phone just now, so his expression darkened as well.

“What’s the matter?” Xi Xiaye asked indifferently. Mu Yuchen had already returned with her glass of water.

“I just want to congratulate you on your marriage. I’ve called you before, but you switched your phone off.” Han Yifeng took a deep breath as his tone became quieter. “I know you’re having your banquet tomorrow, so I’m just calling to send you my wishes.”

“Well received. Thank you.”

She gave a business-like and distant reply which sounded very frigid in Han Yifeng’s ears. He just smiled while being confused about how he was feeling right now. He felt a little sentimental and was tinged with regret, but mostly, he felt lost.

“About what happened before and about whatever Xinyi has done to you, I’m sorry. If possible, I hope you can lead a happy life.”

Han Yifeng had no idea why he made this call. He was not sure if he was trying to fill up the void in his heart, or if he just simply wanted to wish her well.

Xi Xiaye took a sip of water quietly, then she smiled without saying anything.

“I’ve imagined countless possibilities between the three of us, yet I never expected us to end up this way. Say, Xiaye, do you think this is karma?” Han Yifeng asked with a bitter laugh.

Xi Xiaye held onto her glass. “Are you trying to repent now? Maybe you’re right. You can’t force some things, but from what I can see right now, your love with Xi Xinyi is cheap. I’ve told you to keep an eye on her before or I’ll do what I need to.”

“Xiaye, it wasn’t I who helped Xinyi. It was my grandfather’s intentions. I was kept in the dark.” Han Yifeng sighed as he felt exhaustion overcome him. “Xiaye, I know I owe you a lot. Please pardon me for saying this, but can you please let Xinyi go this once? She’s almost lost everything now and I also hope the conflict can end here.”

“You should tell Xi Xinyi instead. Isn’t she linked up with Qi Kai now? Han Yifeng, I’ve given her many chances. She provoked me first every single time. I’ve never looked for trouble with her.” Xi Xiaye frowned as her eyes hardened. Before Han Yifeng could reply, she hung up angrily and threw her phone aside.

“What’s wrong? What made you so angry?”

Mu Yuchen found the remote controller, so he switched the music player on. Soothing music started playing throughout the room.

“He was begging for Xi Xinyi. What a joke! Isn’t Xi Xinyi doing well right now? We almost cleared Yueying out and she still managed to let it survive. I’m impressed!”

Xi Xiaye glared at Mu Yuchen who was in his own thoughts. He then spoke up as he noticed her stare, “Putting in so much effort to save Yueying is meaningless. It’s not something Qi Kai would do, my dear. I’m afraid we’ll be able to see something interesting soon.”

He said oddly before walking towards the dining table with a mysterious smile, “Let’s have dinner first. Don’t mind about what’s going to happen and just leave it to me.”

“What interesting thing? You look like you have it all planned out.” Xi Xiaye then stood up and walked towards the dining table slowly as well.

“You won’t find it surprising anymore if I tell you now, but I have to say that your ex-fiancé isn’t really smart. Fortunately, you didn’t end up with him. Otherwise, with the both of you together, it would make the whole world go stupid,” he mocked her straightforwardly to the point of being rather mean.

“You can talk about him, but why do you have to drag me into this?!” Xi Xiaye frowned as she sat down, rolling her eyes at him.

She kind of understood the situation now. It seemed like Xi Xinyi and Yueying had become his pawns.

What was he trying to do?