

Loving 581

Chapter 581. Gift (3)

Mu Yuchen paused as his eyes twinkled. "What do you think?"

"My brain isn't as smart as yours." Qi Lei laughed weakly.

Mu Yuchen then replied, "You're a smart man. I'm sure you know what I mean. I'm just giving you a chance. I'm sure CEO Wang and CEO Qi would be extremely happy if you sent this to them, especially CEO Wang. What do you think?"

This was what they had been looking for. Of course, they would be happy to see this!

Qi Lei's eyes darkened as he lowered his head and looked at the document for some time. "You..."

"Alright, it's getting late now. Think about it for yourself. If there are any more issues, we'll talk again later." Mu Yuchen hung up on the call before Qi Lei could reply.

"Why did Qi Lei call you?" she asked him as he put his phone back onto the table.

"It's about work. Didn't Grandpa remind us to look for capable partners for the South River project several days ago?" he replied quietly and hugged her.

Xi Xiaye raised her eyebrows in astonishment. "So, you approached Qi Lei, thinking that he's capable? But aren't you two... in a conflict? Why...?"

Mu Yuchen smiled when he saw the nervous expression on her face. Then, he left a kiss on her forehead. "While Qi Lei does have some conflict with me, I believe he can be professional in his work. I admire his talents and I don't want to see his talents be wasted. Moreover, his rise in Qi Kai might not be a bad thing for us. I believe he knows this very well."

He did not hide his intentions and told her his thoughts.

Xi Xiaye nodded, but she started to fret. "Aren't you worried that he'll take revenge on you?"

He scoffed. "I can't do anything about that then. Trusting a person is like gambling. I don't hope to see myself lose, but Qi Lei has his choices. Maybe he's doubting my intentions at this moment. He might think I'm setting a trap for him."

"That's true, but I saw the information you got Ah Mo to prepare on the table. Qi Lei is quite sad. No matter what, they shouldn't involve children in their conflicts. Children are innocent."

Xi Xiaye felt relatable as she sighed. "I'm very thankful to my mother. Back then, she never lashed out on me even when she had fierce fights with the Xi family, and she never told me to hate my father or the Xi family. Instead, she wanted me to be friendly to Xi Xinyi and hoped that I could grow up peacefully. I know she didn't want me to get involved in their matters, and although I've blamed her for this before, I'm thankful for her."

"Mmm, Mother is a wise lady, and it has been tough for her." Mu Yuchen thought highly of Shen Wenna. Although he did not agree with everything she had done, he was impressed by her wisdom and attitude.

Xi Xiaye nodded as she sighed again. "I suddenly think that compared to many other people, my life isn't really that tough. Sure, it feels painful when going through a hard time, but I realized that it's not really a big deal after I've gone through it. Although Qi Lei always looks weird and isn't serious at work, I know that's not his true self. I saw the proposals he's made before. They were nearly flawless, and he could answer my questions during our meeting as well. I can conclude that he's a responsible and careful person."

"I see you think highly of him. Aren't you worried that I'll get jealous?" He smiled as he threw her a meaningful glance.

She pursed her lips and smiled as she wrapped her arms around herself. "It's my honor. That proves that my charm has elevated to another level. Didn't you praise him as well? Anyhow, it depends if he can satisfy Grandpa's standard. Hmm, Grandpa looks pretty exhausted lately. I hope..."

"Grandpa is wise and has a pair of sharp eyes. With his experience, he'll know if a person is skilled or not in just a glance. Do you think he's been fooling around for the past few decades?"

“Your flattery won’t reach Grandpa, and I’m not going to tell him.”

“I’m telling the truth.”

“Lies!”

“Alright, let’s sleep earlier. I’m having a gathering with Su Chen and the others tomorrow. I’ll bring you out somewhere as well.”

He had promised Su Chen and Zhou Zimo to catch up the next day, so Mu Yuchen planned to visit the Leisure Club before heading to the Imperial Sky Entertainment Club at night.

However, their plan was forced to change. The two of them woke up early the next morning. As they were about to head out after breakfast, Li Si called to inform that Deng Wenwen’s condition seemed to have worsened. In the end, they decided to go take a look.

Outside the room, Li Si walked up when he saw Mu Yuchen and Xi Xiaye. His expression was grim.

“Master, Director Xi! You guys are finally here!”

“What’s the situation?” Mu Yuchen halted his steps and frowned when he saw Li Si’s expression.

Li Si took a deep breath. He had not slept for the whole night and he looked exhausted. In a solemn tone, he updated them, “She was just wheeled out of the operating room not too long ago after going through a simple procedure last night. Her condition suddenly worsened at midnight, and the doctors spent the whole night operating on her. She’s still alive but her condition is still critical, and Deng Wenwen most likely can never move again just like a person in a vegetative state. It’s questionable whether she can make it past this phase.”

“How did her condition suddenly worsen?” Mu Yuchen gave Li Si a doubtful glance. Because of Xi Mushan’s call, he had told Li Si to keep an eye on Deng Wenwen. She had been still doing pretty alright just a while ago, and nothing odd happened, so how did she get into critical condition now?

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Li Si said quietly, "Master, I checked and found out that Yue Lingsi came to visit last night. Deng Wenwen's condition worsened soon after she left. Honestly, I think she should be the cause."

"Yue Lingsi?" Xi Xiaye frowned as she repeated her name.

Her relationship with Deng Wenwen had broken down a long time ago. Before Xi Xinyi entered the Xi family, Deng Wenwen still treated her nicely to get on Xi Jiyang and Xi Mushan's good side. However, after Xi Xinyi came into the Xi family, Xi Xiaye became powerless.

Back then, Elder Yue helped Yueying a lot, and Xi Xinyi's maternal grandmother and Deng Wenwen were good friends.

Xi Xiaye became fed up with Deng Wenwen favoring Xi Xinyi over her, especially since all the hardships she had gone through were ignored. Xi Xiaye now only felt sorry and sour for Deng Wenwen.

It was not that she did not hate her, but it seemed meaningless now. She might as well forget all about Deng Wenwen.

"Yes, Director Xi, I've confirmed with the caretaker, Sis Chun. Yue Lingsi came over yesterday angrily. I asked around and realized Yue Lingsi had been arguing with Xi Xinyi lately. She built up some gambling debts and lost all her money. The debt collectors even visited her house some time ago. Xi Xinyi had an argument with her and criticized her harshly. In her fury, Yue Lingsi slapped Xi Xinyi."

When Li Si received Mu Yuchen's call yesterday, he rushed to the rehabilitation center to find out what happened. Ah Bao and the others informed him what happened this morning. After some analysis, Li Si grasped the big picture.

"Master, I think Yue Lingsi was frustrated and came over here. She assumed that since Deng Wenwen was such a sly fox, she probably would've left something after working hard for Yueying for so many years. Moreover, Elder Xi also left her something after he passed away, but whatever was passed down was nowhere to be seen ever since Deng Wenwen was admitted into the hospital. Yue Lingsi probably came here because of those. If she didn't clear her debts in time, she would be in deep trouble," Li Si said.

Xi Xiaye nodded. "I know about that. Deng Wenwen is very guarded against everyone, including my grandfather. She doesn't even trust him, but Yue Lingsi should know something since they were pretty close."

She stopped taking note of Yue Lingsi and Xi Xinyi ever since the fall of the Xi family. Without an ounce of care anymore, she left it all to Mu Yuchen, not wanting to touch those complicated relationships anymore.

"It seems that Yue Lingsi is having a tough time," Mu Yuchen said with an indifferent expression.

"The Yue family is probably reluctant to help since that incident, and now Yue Lingsi is giving up on herself. The Yue family has probably given up on her. She's fortunate that her reputation didn't go any lower."

Li Si sighed. "Deng Wenwen is pretty tragic. She probably never expected Yue Lingsi and Xi Xinyi to treat her like this after she became bedridden. I guess she didn't know them well enough."

Xi Xiaye lowered her head slightly before heading forward and opening the door while Mu Yuchen followed behind her.

Inside the room, Deng Wenwen was lying on the bed. The beeping sound of the machine amplified the silence in the room.

Xi Xiaye stopped beside the bed and looked at Deng Wenwen quietly. The older woman looked slightly swollen unlike her sharp self before. The atmosphere felt depressed.

She seemed to be conscious, but her eyes seemed like they could not focus even though they were wide open. She still had difficulty breathing even when she had an oxygen mask on. Even when she saw Xi Xiaye standing beside her bed, she did not react.

Xi Xiaye sighed as she looked at Deng Wenwen. After a while, she bent over and slid Deng Wenwen's exposed hand back under the blanket. "You probably never expected this would happen to you one day? What's so bad about everyone living in a happy family? If you accepted Mother and didn't cause all

the ruckus after that, my parents would've still been in love until today, and you'd be enjoying a peaceful life right now."

"Although Father knew you're not his biological mother, he did his best as your son. Had you been more genuine with us, things could've been different, but it's all ruined now because of your greed. Are you really happy to see the Xi family breaking apart?"

Xi Xiaye took a deep breath, appearing exhausted. "Maybe you shouldn't even have married into the Xi family back then. You might be happier. I heard that you had someone you liked before. After running around your whole life, do you have any moments when you felt genuinely happy?"

She knew very well that Deng Wenwen and Xi Jiyang were not in love with each other at all. In addition to that, Deng Wenwen also had a miscarriage before her marriage. Elder Madam Xi was worried she might mistreat the young Xi Mushan when she first married into the Xi family, which was why she offered Yueying to her as a condition for her to give up having her own child. In response, Deng Wenwen agreed to it swiftly.

She did not say anything else and just gave her a final glance before leaving the room. Mu Yuchen glanced at Deng Wenwen as well before catching up with Xi Xiaye.

The two of them never noticed it, but the moment the door closed, Deng Wenwen's eyes clouded over as a drop of tear tumbled from her cheek onto the pillow.

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Xi Xiaye never expected to bump into Yue Lingsi, moreover, inside this rehabilitation center.

On the long bench by the empty corridor, Xi Xiaye averted her gaze from the magazine she was reading to look at the pair of feet right before her. She slowly peered up and saw the icy-looking Yue Lingsi!

Yue Lingsi was staring at her coldly with a gaze that looked like her eyes were poisoned ice needles as if it would claim someone's life in a glance.

Xi Xiaye looked at her for a moment. Then, she continued reading the magazine when there was no reaction from Yue Lingsi. However, as she lowered her head, she felt a gust of wind before her and the magazine in her hand was snatched away.

Thud!

The magazine fell into a corner. A bitter wind blew through and flipped through the pages of the magazine.

With a scowl, Xi Xiaye glared at Yue Lingsi with a cold expression. "Don't you think you've caused enough ruckus with Xi Xinyi? Do you want to mess with me now?"

"You witch! Do you think I don't know that you're pleased as punch right now? Where's Xi Mushan? Where's that old witch, Shen Wenna? Are the two of them trying to elope and avoid me? If Xi Mushan thinks he can leave me like that, I'm telling you that it's impossible! I'll never give them the chance to be happy together and laugh at me!"

Yue Lingsi went manic. Facing so many harsh consequences lately, she had lost everything and never expected her daughter to treat her that way. She almost broke down in frustration!

Because Han Yifeng and the Han family just left her alone, she tried to ask Elder Yue for help, but she had gotten a terrible scolding before she could even meet him.

No matter how powerful the Yue family was, if they were to help her to clear her massive debts right now, would some ruthless people not take the opportunity to spread rumors about them again?

The Yue family decided not to help when they considered their reputation.

Yue Lingsi's debts piled up to over \$10 million dollars, and she lost all the money she had before. Where could she get the money to clear her debts?

She went to Han Yifeng but was not able to meet him. Nevertheless, she did not want to ask Huang Ziyao for help as she was frustrated whenever she was reminded about her attitude!

Since Xi Xinyi gave birth to a boy for the Han family, she would officially be part of the Han family soon, but Huang Ziyao's attitude was just too much!

Yue Lingsi's anger built up. If it were not for her asking for help from the Yue family before, would the projects from the Han Corporation have gone on so smoothly? Not only were they ungrateful, but they also treated her even worse. Xi Xinyi was her daughter, yet she put on such airs when talking to her right now. Yue Lingsi felt like she had aged a lot in a short span of time.

Finally, she decided to look for Xi Mushan since they were married after all. No matter what, Xi Mushan would not just leave her alone like this. It was not a big deal for him to give her this amount of money, especially since he had gotten a lot of dividend from Yueying before. Xi Jiyang also had left him a huge load of his assets. Because Xi Xiaye had only taken West Park, the money should be with Xi Mushan and Deng Wenwen.

She asked around and realized Xi Mushan had not come back since the wedding of Mu Yuchen and Xi Xiaye abroad! He was probably fooling around with the old witch somewhere!

In the end, she was forced to look for Deng Wenwen who had become so useless. With just a few words from her, she almost died!

Xi Xiaye's expression turned cold suddenly. "You'd better watch your mouth! Aren't you the dirtiest to cheat on my father with someone else? How dare you scold my mother? If it weren't for your dirty tricks, my parents wouldn't have been separated at all! You drugged my father and got pregnant with Xi Xinyi. A woman like you is the best example of a dirty witch!"

"I'd be too embarrassed to even live anymore if I were you. You're just a living tragedy now. The Yue family gave up on you, the Han family can't take you in, and your daughter despises you. You've been cornered by your debts and your reputation is at its worst. Aw, aren't you in a pitiful state right now?"

"Shut up! Do you want me to die? Why won't that witch Shen Wenna die first? Shen Wenna is the real witch! Shameless slut! I fell in love with Xi Mushan first. How dare she compete with me? If it weren't for her, Xi Mushan and I would be the best couple! Do you know how much I've sacrificed for Xi Mushan? What has Shen Wenna done for him? Everyone just assumed Xi Mushan should be with Shen Wenna. Ha, what a joke! As long as I'm alive, that'd be impossible! I'd never let them be together even if I died! There's no way I'll sacrifice myself just to let them get back together!"

Yue Lingsi was screaming by now. Her eyes were filled with hatred the moment Shen Wenna was mentioned, especially when she looked at Xi Xiaye who looked just like Shen Wenna. She was eager to smash her face into pieces right there and then!

A guaranteed return of investment? How could such a good deal possibly exist?

Xi Xiaye scoffed at her. "You made a plan to steal something that doesn't belong to you, yet now you're accusing the original owner of stealing. I'm afraid only you and your daughter could manage to pull something like this off. You won't even spare a bed-ridden old lady. You guys are just the best. You two just widen my horizon so much."

"Are you faking kindness now? You probably wanted that old fox to die as soon as possible, didn't you? She's a living burden. Wouldn't she be better off dead? Don't think that old thing is as easy to fool as your grandfather. Did you think she'd pass the inheritance to you? Dream on! Those belong to Xinyi! Don't even think about them!" Yue Lingsi's voice was sharp.

"Inheritance?" Xi Xiaye mumbled, she then chuckled. "Seems like Li Si was right. You're here for that!"

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"Unfortunately, Deng Wenwen isn't going to comply. Don't forget who put her into this state. She's not an idiot. Do you think she would just let you do what you want?" Xi Xiaye gave her a cold glance and laughed. "To be honest, I'm impressed that you could get Deng Wenwen so worked up. Who would've expected the two of you to become like this?"

"Shut up! You shut your mouth!" Yue Lingsi's expression darkened just like moments before a storm. She glared at Xi Xiaye coldly. "Don't you try to fool me! You haven't told me where Xi Mushan and that witch Shen Wenna is! Do you think I can't find them just because you hid them?"

"Why should I tell you? Find them yourself! Instead of lashing out on me, you might want to think of a way to ask your daughter to help out with your debts. The debt collectors might break a hand or two. By then, you'll probably be worse off than Deng Wenwen, won't you?"

Xi Xiaye suppressed the anger inside her as she spoke bitterly. She stood up and was about to leave, not wanting to spend another second with her anymore.

It had been some time since Mu Yuchen had gone to talk to the doctor. She was worried since he had not come back yet, so she wanted to go look for him as she was not having a peaceful time there.

However, Yue Lingsi jumped toward her the moment she stood up. She tried to pin Xi Xiaye's shoulder against the wall, making her stagger slightly. As she held onto the wall with one hand, she held her baby bump cautiously while her eyes turned cold.

"Speak! Where's Xi Mushan and that old witch? Don't even think of leaving without telling me!" Yue Lingsi grabbed Xi Xiaye's shoulder. Xi Xiaye could feel her sharp nails stabbing into her flesh as Yue Lingsi was shaking her violently.

She could not react to Yue Lingsi's quick movements and started getting dizzy after a while. Her senses barely came back to her moments later. She struggled and grabbed Yue Lingsi's wrist and pinched her hard. Yue Lingsi screamed before clutching Xi Xiaye's long hair and pulling it ferociously!

With a frown, Xi Xiaye took a deep breath and calmly grabbed her shoulder before swiftly stomping her foot. Finally, she was free from Yue Lingsi's grip, and she delivered a fresh slap to her face!

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Yue Lingsi screamed once again as her face was struck. To her anger, she instantly felt that fiery, painful sensation.

"How dare you hit me? How dare you?" Yue Lingsi covered her face as she glared at Xi Xiaye with a hostile expression.

Xi Xiaye took a deep breath. She was still unconsciously shielding her tummy as she tidied her messy hair with one hand. Without any more intention of staying, she turned around and started walking away.

Xi Xiaye hastened forward, but Yue Lingsi did not stop following and tried to catch up with her. "Stop right there! How dare you slap me!? Speak! Where is Xi Mushan? Stop right there!"

Xi Xiaye dodged sideways and Yue Lingsi missed her. However, Yue Lingsi was able to grab onto her skirt and dragged her back!

“I’m going to break your face! The same witch face Shen Wenna has!” Yue Lingsi yelled.

Xi Xiaye barely managed to stand while she grabbed Yue Lingsi’s incoming hand. “That’s enough! You’re mad! You provoked me. One slap is already mercy for you. Don’t try to do anything more!”

This woman’s fingernails were like sharp knives. She could feel the stinging pain on her shoulder and a faint scent of blood entered the air around them.

“Getting all high and mighty now? No matter what, I’m still your elder. How dare you treat me that way? Is that how that witch Shen Wenna taught you to act? Where is Xi Mushan now? Tell me!” Yue Lingsi jumped onto her, making her stuck between the walls.

“Didn’t you call Deng Wenwen your mother too? She almost died because of you. Where are your standards? How can you and your daughter be so weird? You think that all your faults were just tiny mistakes, but then you keep pointing out the fault of others! How can there be people like the two of you in this world?” Xi Xiaye was incensed.

“Shut up, you little witch! It’s not your turn to lecture me yet! Who do you think you are to lecture me?” Xi Xiaye’s words definitely hit Yue Lingsi’s sensitive point. Xi Xinyi had just scolded her about this not too long ago, and now, Xi Xiaye triggered her even further, so she started screaming.

A large crowd started looking at them.

“Who do you think you are to make me tell you? You are no different from a mad person! My father would never find you attractive unless he’s blind! You’re my elder? Don’t you think your existence itself is a joke?” Xi Xiaye replied with a firm tone.

“Shut up! Ah—!”

As Yue Lingsi tried to charge at Xi Xiaye again, Xi Xiaye twisted her wrist and she screamed in agony. “You people are the ones that make me mad, Xi Xiaye! It’s you and that old witch Shen Wenna! It’s Mu Yuchen! You guys work together and bully me. Both Mu Yuchen and you are making me mad. Don’t think that I don’t know Mu Yuchen did all those things behind my back! If I died, I’d come back and haunt you as a ghost! Everyone, come and take a look! The woman behind Glory World Corporation loves to bully the weak. They are trying to make me die! Ah— No!”

“Nonsense! Yue Lingsi, the whole of City Z knows what you’ve done, and now you’re trying to accuse Mu Yuchen. Do you want me to show everyone the security camera from the hospital and see what you just did to me?”

How could Xi Xiaye not know what Yue Lingsi was trying to do?

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As her grip on Yue Lingsi’s wrist tightened, Yue Lingsi could not stop screaming, “Xi Xiaye, how dare you do this to me? I’m going to make you pay!”

Yue Lingsi howled at her before trying to charge again, but as she tried to move forward, someone grabbed her by the collar from the back and lifted her up before she could react. Then, she was dropped onto the floor, causing her great pain.

The bodyguards!

Her scream spread throughout the corridor.

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“Are you alright?”

He rushed back anxiously as he studied Xi Xiaye who frowned when she felt the pain on her shoulder, but she shook her head. “I’m fine.”

However, he noticed her painful expression. When he looked over at her shoulder and lifted her shirt slightly, he saw the fingernail marks!

He was only gone for a few minutes and this happened!

His expression darkened as he threw Yue Lingsi a cold glare. He then gave Li Si a signal, but when Li Si was about to give instructions to the bodyguards, Xi Xiaye stopped him.

“It’s not a big deal. Don’t cause a big ruckus in the hospital,” she whispered to him, sounding worried. “Bring me to clean my wounds first.”

“She dared to hurt you right here. She’s tired of living!” Mu Yuchen’s tone was chilly cold as he shielded her in his arms.

“There are a lot of opportunities in the future. Li Si, you guys can wait at the car.”

Li Si turned to Mu Yuchen hesitantly while the bodyguards let go of Yue Lingsi after Mu Yuchen nodded.

“Don’t you dare go away! Do you think you can just leave after hitting me?! Everyone, come and take a look, they—”

Xi Xiaye held Mu Yuchen back as she told Li Si, “Take her to the police!”

“Yes, Director Xi!”

Yue Lingsi was finally brought away.

Inside the examination room, the doctor was applying some antiseptic onto Xi Xiaye’s wound while Mu Yuchen sat beside her. When he saw her face getting pale, he wrapped his arm around her waist, and the two of them cooperatively remained silent.

He almost wanted to lift her up in her arms after the doctor was done cleaning her wound, but she insisted, “I’m alright. I can walk.”

He did not say anything and still insisted on lifting her up as he walked out of the room.

“I’m not going to let this go. She’s going to pay for this!” Mu Yuchen held her in his arms as he walked through the empty corridor. With a lowered head, he contemplated her as he spoke coldly, “That woman won’t just leave it like this. We should take action and eliminate her first to avoid further worries.”

Xi Xinyi had been quiet ever since that incident, but now Yue Lingsi was looking for trouble.

Xi Xiaye did not say anything. She did not agree or disagree to it. Instead, she was struggling to get down, but he held her tighter. In the end, she gave up and just buried her face in his chest instead.

“As expected, she’s trying to get the inheritance from Deng Wenwen. She probably wanted to use them to clear her gambling debts. She’s also trying to track down my parents. I’m really alright. Don’t worry. I’m not as weak as you think. Just put me down.”

“You sound relaxed. That woman is mad! You should’ve avoided her.”

The two of them hastened their steps and they arrived at the car swiftly. Mu Yuchen told the chauffeur to head back to Maple Residence.

“Didn’t you say they were waiting at the club?” Xi Xiaye frowned.

“I’ll send you back first. You must be in shock. You don’t have to join us.”

“But...”

“No buts,” he interrupted her before she could finish her sentence.

He made her rest after they got back to Maple Residence. She wanted to ask her about Deng Wenwen’s condition, but he received a phone call after he settled her down and then left afterward.

Xi Xiaye knew very well that he was still angry...

In the evening, Wang Hui came over and delivered some tonic. She felt that it was odd to see Xi Xiaye sitting in the living room watching TV alone.

Wang Hui prepared a fruit platter for Xi Xiaye as she asked, "Where did Ah Chen go? Did he leave you alone at home?"

"Oh, he went out with Su Chen and the others, but he'll be back soon. Don't worry about it."

"So, he left you at home and went out with his friends? What was he thinking?" Wang Hui frowned, but Xi Xiaye just smiled. "It's fine. They usually drink when they gather anyway, so it's not really suitable for me to join them."

"Let him be then. What do you want to eat tonight? I'll make dinner for you. Actually, I'm pretty worried that it'll get harder for you to move around in the future. Your body is weak, and Ah Chen doesn't really know how to take care of people. I'm thinking that you should move back to the Mu Residence in a month or two, then you can focus on your baby. It's better with me and your grandfather around to help," Wang Hui said as she picked the magazines lying on the sofa up.

Xi Xinyi took a deep breath and said gently, "You don't have to worry about me. I'm still fine at the moment. He has a lot of work piled up these few days. I'll also try to get some work done while I can. I'll probably get sick if I always stay at home."

"Okay, I know I can't convince you, but it's okay if you don't want to move back. I'll move over then when it's time. By the way, I overheard Li Si's phone call with your grandfather just now. He said Deng Wenwen's condition is pretty bad and you guys went to visit her. What happened?"

It was pretty difficult to hide things from Wang Hui.

Xi Xiaye nodded and explained, "Last night, we received Father's phone call at the Shen residence. He said there was an emergency at the rehabilitation center, so Mu Yuchen sent Li Si over immediately. Her

surgery was only completed this morning, and she's still in a critical phase right now. We planned to go out somewhere today, but we received Li Si's call, so we went straight to the rehabilitation center."

Chapter 586. Mother-in-law and Daughter-in-law

When Xi Xiaye said this, Wang Hui instantly frowned too.

She knew about the grudges between Deng Wenwen, Xi Mushan, and Shen Wenna. Even though she had always been unwilling to interfere much, she still felt outraged over the injustice towards Shen Wenna and Xi Xiaye.

She had never been in contact with Deng Wenwen and Yue Lingsi, but she heard that they were quite reputable in the entertainment industry. Nonetheless, as capable as a woman was, Wang Hui had seen it all, and she did not necessarily favor them.

"You two will have tons to worry with this issue. Okay, let's not talk about it anymore. I'll brew some soup for you in the kitchen. Your mother's coincidentally rushed over to do some inspection work. Later on, she'll come over for dinner, and then go home with me."

Wang Hui sighed, not wanting to talk about unhappy things anymore, so she just stood up.

"Is Mother coming over? Let me be your assistant then."

"Mmm, but she might be a little late. Just sit. It's enough with Sis Wang helping me. You haven't tried my dishes in a while, have you?"

"I'll cook sweet and sour fish then since Sis Wang has bought the ingredients."

"Okay, I'll call her right now. Tell her to buy more ingredients. See if Ah Chen can come back for dinner."

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After a while, Sis Wang bought the ingredients back home and started to get busy in the kitchen with Wang Hui.

It was getting gradually dark. Soon, the entire sky was engulfed in darkness, and the streetlights in the yard lit up.

When Zhuang Shurong came over, it was close to 8 p.m. at night. Wang Hui was still busy in the kitchen while Xi Xiaye was flipping through documents.

“Yesterday, your father told me that you and Ah Chen seem to be moving about and that you found Sis Lan. Do you have any leads now?”

Zhuang Shurong would occasionally ask about this. Even though Wang Hui did say that she did not allow them to continue to be involved in the matter, Zhuang Shurong would understand Mu Lingshi. Despite she and Mu Tangchuan being closer to her, they still were not her biological parents. If she could have understood this earlier and mentally prepared the children earlier, they wouldn't have...

Xi Xiaye obviously could hear the unnatural tone in Zhuang Shurong's voice. She seemed to sound a little sad and was not quite the same as her usual serious manner. However, the way she was at the moment made Xi Xiaye feel an unnamed closeness.

“Mmm, we did find Sis Lan. Earlier, we heard that she was hospitalized. According to the doctor, she doesn't have much time left. Initially, I wanted to look for her again, but Mu Yuchen went there himself. I'm not sure what happened after that either. I feel like Sis Lan should know more about what happened years ago, but she's not willing to say anything. When I went looking for her the last time, I couldn't get anything useful out of her. She just said some things about Aunty's past.”

When Xi Xiaye finished, Zhuang Shurong nodded. “Lu Xinlan is like that. Years ago, when I went looking for her, I played both the hard and the soft card, but she didn't reveal any valuable leads either. After that, because of your grandparents, we left things unsettled. Now that I think about it, it was really... All these years, I know that Lingshi has never given up on the search just like how Lingtian was all those years ago, but because he was worried that your grandparents would know, he did it in secret. All those years I was abroad, my hands were tied, and now that I'm back, he's...”

Xi Xiaye suddenly did not know what to say, so she just called out softly to her, “Mother...”

“Actually, I hoped that they could find them too. I feel that your aunt wanted to reveal these things before she passed away. Unfortunately, she was already very emotionally affected then. Sometimes, she would even be beside herself. Tragically, before she could find herself again, she used that extreme way to end her life. It was a great pity and it broke everyone’s hearts. It’s been so many years. This tragedy continues to be buried, but we still haven’t found that man. Do you really think he doesn’t know about your aunt, Lingtian, and Lingshi?”

Zhuang Shurong sighed with a heavy expression. “Of course, that person knows. He’s just been hiding and unwilling to reveal himself. Your aunt isn’t one of those naive and romantic girls either. The family arranged many young and accomplished men for her to meet, yet she didn’t fancy any of them, so I’m sure that man must be someone notable.”

“It wasn’t our intentions for the previous generation to leave all these things for you two to be worried about. Sometimes, I was even a little unhappy. Do you know what kind of life Ah Chen led before you married him? Even though the Mu family is a prestigious family, we don’t live as happily as other normal families.”

Xi Xiaye always felt like Zhuang Shurong’s words implied something else. She mentioned a bunch of random things that puzzled her. Although she wanted to ask something, she did not know where to begin.

From her impression of her, Zhuang Shurong mostly maintained her serious and elegant image. Even at home, she was still the same, yet today she had moved away from that facade and shared these things with her. What did she mean by it?

Zhuang Shurong seemed to read Xi Xiaye’s confusion, so she smiled. “I’m not trying to imply anything. I just wanted to tell you that I’m quite happy with you. I’m very happy that you became a part of the Mu family, and became Ah Chen’s wife, but there’s one thing I wanted to raise to you. I wonder if Ah Chen told you about it.”

“Please explain, Mother.” Xi Xiaye felt that something was odd and her body tensed slightly as she looked calmly at Zhuang Shurong.

Zhuang Shurong nodded gently instead. “Okay, before I tell you, I have to assure you that I, Zhuang Shurong, only recognize you as my daughter-in-law. I’m very happy with you. You got that?”

“Thanks, Mother, I know.”

“Mmm, good then. I’ll keep it short. Did Ah Chen mention his past to you before?” Zhuang Shurong asked.

As Xi Xiaye listened, she nodded. “Mmm, he tells me a little sometimes.”

“Well, did he ever mention to you that he had a fiancè before?” As Zhuang Shurong probed, her eyes were fixated on Xi Xiaye.

Xi Xiaye smiled, and spoke softly, “Mother, do you mean Gu Lingsha?”

“You know about Gu Lingsha?”

Xi Xiaye’s words stunned her. “You actually know about Gu Lingsha too?” It looked like her son was really quite meticulous with Xi Xiaye, so much so that he even settled this properly.

Xi Xiaye nodded gently. “He told me that he and Gu Lingsha had an arranged betrothal at a young age, but he only found out afterwards.”

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When Zhuang Shurong heard that, she nodded and heaved a sigh of relief. Her tone contained indistinct feelings of having gone through a lot. “Yes, there is such a thing. Actually, today I’ve especially come over today to tell you that it was your father’s wishes.”

As Zhuang Shurong spoke, she suddenly gazed quietly at Xi Xiaye, her gaze holding depth.

“Just to avoid any unnecessary misunderstandings, I know that you hired someone to investigate the Qi family and the incident five years ago.”

“Mother, I...”

Xi Xiaye's suddenly felt like something gripped her chest, and she felt upset for no reason. Quietly, she looked at Zhuang Shurong.

Zhuang Shurong just sighed, and said calmly, "Don't worry. I'm not here to reprimand you. I understand very well how Ah Chen is like. He probably didn't want to mention this past to you. Besides, those are wounds that I hope you won't open up. He barely made it to today, and I feel he's much better now."

"I'm sorry, Mother... I admit that I did get someone to investigate, but I wouldn't hurt him. I just saw that he was suffering quite badly, so I wanted to share his load, yet I didn't know where to begin. At the same time, I wanted to see if the Qi family was up to anything, so..."

"Mmm, I know what you were thinking. If I were you, I'd probably do the same. That's why I planned to tell you something. Five years ago, the Mu family and the Gu family from City B were pretty good family friends. Elder Gu, Gu Kang, is the current CEO of the Hui Gu Corporation. He is also Gu Qihao's grandfather who was friends with your grandfather. Despite their difference in age, they were close buddies. By the time it was your grandfather's generation, your grandfather and the Gu family's late Elder were considered good buddies too. The Mus and the Gus have always been on excellent terms. In business, we also complement each other. The two families wanting to be connected by marriage wasn't a matter decided in a day or two."

As Xi Xiaye listened, she bent over to pour Zhuang Shurong a glass of water. Zhuang Shurong took a sip and then continued, "After that, on a certain day when your grandfather and the Gu family's elder were drunk, he told him that if the Gu family had a little girl, they would just make her Ah Chen's fiancée. At that time, Ah Chen was only a few years old, so he didn't know anything yet. After all, they were just drunk words. Unexpectedly, the Gu family remembered the vow. Since they were young, they were insistent that Gu Lingsha was Ah Chen's fiancée. I was strongly against it back then and even made things sour between your grandfather and I. Nevertheless, for Ah Chen, even if things go bad, I would have to accept it. I can't let my son go into such an arranged marriage. He should have the right to choose the woman he wanted to spend the rest of his life with."

She had always known that Zhuang Shurong was an extremely firm person. Now, by the looks of it, actually as a mother, she was really democratic and very wise. Her tone contained her protectiveness for Mu Yuchen.

"Mother, thank you." When she heard this, Xi Xiaye suddenly felt rather lucky.

“Initially, Gu Lingsha wasn’t too bad. She’s quite an outstanding girl, but...” Zhuang Shurong paused and held the glass in her hand tightly before sighing, “Even though I was objecting to it all, at least, I knew how Gu Lingsha was since she was young. I also admit that she’s actually a pretty sweet girl. If it were not for what happened after... I think, if Ah Chen liked her, I would’ve found a way to accept her.

“However, Ah Chen only found out about this engagement after that. By then, Gu Lingsha and Qi Feng were already a couple. Ah Chen did propose to retract the engagement since he was willing to let Gu Lingsha and Qi Feng be together, but the Gu family didn’t answer. Anyone could see how simple the reason for this was. Qi Kai might not go to Qi Feng since he was just an illegitimate son, while Ah Chen was born to take on Glory World. Actually, after Gu Qihao passed away, the Mu family and the Gu family’s relationship rapidly faded. Between the two families, we rarely spoke about friendship anymore. We only spoke about benefits. Your grandfather knows this, so he gradually distanced himself from the Gu family, and tried hard not to touch on anything about benefits.”

When she said this, combined with the things Mu Yuchen told her, Xi Xiaye could now finally start to piece the whole thing together. She fell silent for a while, then said softly, “Don’t worry, Mother. I understand. I’ll always be by his side.”

Zhuang Shurong then sighed a breath of relief and nodded happily. Her expression still had a mix of emotions. “That’s good then. I’m not implying anything else by telling you this. I’m just hoping that there won’t be any thorns between the two of you. You must both work as one and not easily believe what others say. Understand?”

Even though she felt that the way Zhuang Shurong had spoken to her today was a little odd, Xi Xiaye sincerely responded, “Mmm, I got it, Mother.”

After that, the mother and daughter-in-law did not speak further. Wang Hui and Sis Wang were almost done with dinner, so Zhuang Shurong got up and went over to help too.

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Meanwhile, that very evening, in a certain parking lot before the Imperial Sky Entertainment Club.

“I’ve just come, and you already have to go back. How’s nice of you!”

Zhou Zimo raised his brows and glared at Mu Yuchen through narrowed eyes. "Should I say that you're being typical, choosing your love over friends?"

Mu Yuchen stretched his long fingers out to hold his slightly dizzy head as he spoke, "Xiaye had a little incident at the hospital. I'm worried about leaving her alone at home. Figure out what I told you to do."

Zhou Zimo nodded. "Don't worry. Leave these things to me. Aren't you two the most assured? Just treat me to drinks next time."

"When have you ever not left the bill to me at the club?" Mu Yuchen took out a cigarette box and lighter from his pocket and tossed it over to him. Zhou Zimo swiftly caught it. "You want to make me leave with just one box of cigarettes. I suddenly realized that I, Zhou Zimo, am quite cheap to you and Su Chen!"

Mu Yuchen's expression was calm as he looked at Zhou Zimo and said casually, "Are you worth a box? You're worth a stick at the most! The remaining ones are just to bribe your network."

"Chen, I suddenly realize that you can be quite mean!"

Zhou Zimo leisurely played around with the lighter. The swaying spark appeared strange amidst the dim streetlights.

Mu Yuchen's long fingers tapped on the side of his head, then he suddenly turned and walked to his car. "I'm leaving now. Go home earlier once you're done with drinks. Don't be like the last time when the elder lectured you again."

He casually warned his friend before quickly getting into his car.

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Zhou Zimo watched as Mu Yuchen's car gradually faded away in the dark. He lowered his head and looked at the long shadow on the ground for a while. Then, he sighed and took a cigarette out to light up.

However, before he got to smoke, a hand snatched it away from him.

Zhou Zimo looked over and saw Su Chen puffing away on the stolen cigarette casually. With a grin, he lit another cigarette for himself.

Su Chen glanced over at Mu Yuchen's faraway car as he puffed some smoke out and sighed. "I never expected the high and mighty Mu Yuchen to become like this. He actually asked you to help him out, so he can't work it out normally and he's using a backhanded method! When do you think he became like this?"

Zhou Zimo stared at him. "What now? Is it only you that I can help out? Well, I do think it's good that he's become like this. Otherwise, how are we supposed to keep being friends? The charm of a woman!"

Su Chen shrugged. "I'm starting to be envious of Ah Chen. At least he knows someone is waiting for him at home, unlike us, lonely and empty."

"Weren't you talking about how nice it is to be free and single, and that marriage is the graveyard of love?" Zhou Zimo teased him as he took his phone out.

"But there's also another saying that goes, 'without the graveyard of love, wouldn't we be dead without a place for us?'"

"That does make sense! You should probably get married soon and give birth to a son. Ah Chen said Xi Xiaye is going to give birth to a daughter. Then, your son can marry his daughter. Don't you think that's a good deal?"

Su Chen squinted his eyes as he touched his chin to ponder. "That's a great suggestion. I should try to get two sons, and I'll make them marry both Ah Chen's and your daughters. I'll get all the benefits then!"

"Who knows if you might have two daughters while Ah Chen and I both get sons? Your daughters will be marrying our sons then, ha!"

"We don't even have a partner, yet we're talking about our children."

Zhou Zimo laughed as he started to make a call which was soon picked up.

“Hello? Mr. Zhou?” A slightly hoarse voice came through the phone.

Zhou Zimo replied, “Mmm, it’s me. Check if the ex-mayor’s ex-wife owed Bro Hao any money.”

“Noted, please wait for a moment.” There was a short moment of silence after the reply. The voice came back again to him moments later. “Mr. Zhou?”

Zhou Zimo flicked his cigarette casually as he replied, “I’m here.”

“I’ve found it, Mr. Zhou. Yue Lingsi has a debt of \$8 million to Bro Hao. Along with the interest, it’s over \$10 million now. She’s not paying back any money, and when they visited her to collect the money, she scolded them harshly. She would’ve been killed if it weren’t for the Yues and the Hans!” The man’s voice sounded cold.

“Over \$10 million? That’s enough to take her legs away. Connect me to Bro Hao.” Zhou Zimo leaned against a road side lamp pole.

“Yes, Mr. Zhou. A moment please!”

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The call connected quickly. Bro Hao chirped to Zhou Zimo, “Zimo? It’s been a long time since you called me. I miss you! You’re the same as Su Chen. Both of you are always quick when you need me to do something. Please learn from Ah Chen. The Mid-Autumn Festival has just passed and I didn’t receive any mooncakes from you two. Well, I don’t really mind the mooncakes. At least, come over and have a drink with me.”

No wonder Mu Yuchen did not want to make the call himself! Zhou Zimo regretted helping him now!

“What are you talking about? I was just thinking about meeting up with you soon. I just wanted to check if you have the time.”

“I’ll definitely make time for you if you ask me. I’m sure there’s no free lunch in this world. What can I do for you?” Bro Hao was a straightforward person, but he was a little bit too passionate. The three of them could not really handle him well, especially Mu Yuchen.

Bro Hao was pretty touchy when they visited him, and they knew very well that he was okay with all handsome guys and pretty girls!

“It’s great that you understand. I’ll be straightforward with you then. I heard that Yue Lingsi owes you about \$10 million.”

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Half of the cigarette was gone after the phone call. Zhou Zimo kept his phone and threw the leftover cigarette away into a nearby trash can.

“How did Yue Lingsi accumulate such an amount of debt? Couldn’t Xi Xinyi or Han Yifeng clear the debt for her? And how did she mess with Ah Chen?” Su Chen sighed.

“It’s most likely related to Xiaye. Well, I don’t really mind taking this a step further.” Zhou Zimo then started making a call again.

“What are you doing?” Su Chen frowned.

“Calling the mass media, of course. Chen should be happy with this.”

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It was around 10 p.m. when he returned to Maple Residence. Wang Hui and Zhuang Shurong had returned to the Mu Residence while Sis Wang had gone back with them to grab something. The other servants were already resting in their room, so the house was pretty empty. The lights by the front yard were still switched on.

After Mu Yuchen parked his car and went inside, he raised his head and looked at the second floor. It was pitch dark while there was some light coming from the living room.

He walked past the yard in the dark and soon reached the staircase. Then, he entered the villa.

It was quiet in the living room. The faint light came from the lamp on the coffee table. With the night breeze brushing past the curtain, the whole space seemed peaceful. He switched the lights on and the whole living room brightened up. Immediately, he noticed the small figure on the sofa.

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She was sound asleep on the sofa and did not even notice that someone was beside her.

He looked at her for a while before letting out a helpless sigh. As he was about to pick her up to go back to the room, she was slightly shocked when he touched her arm, and she trembled a little before opening her eyes.

“You’re back...” She rubbed her eyes as she looked at the man before her. Sitting up abruptly, her messy hair fell over her shoulders and her eyes still seemed blurry. She grabbed Mu Yuchen’s hand.

“Why don’t you sleep in the room? It’s cold at night. Why not wear an extra piece of garment?” His tone was concerned while his other hand ran his fingers through her hair.

“It’s not that cold at home. I’m waiting for you.” She dragged him down to sit beside her.

Her simple words were meaningful to him, and he felt a warmth deep inside his heart.

Mu Yuchen remembered that he got a call just now, so he asked, “Did my grandmother and mother go back?”

Xi Xiaye nodded. “They just left not too long ago. They planned to wait up, but they waited for quite some time, so they went back first. Well, you did come back pretty early today, just slightly past ten.”

“I was worried about leaving you alone at home. Why did they come here? Didn’t we just go back a few days ago?”

He could smell the pleasant scent of hers after her shower. He felt the thrum of a thrill as he saw her beautiful face and her collarbone right beneath her sleeping robe. Suddenly, he realized that her charm was getting stronger, and he had fallen deeper for her.

“Please don’t do that...” She backed away slightly as she pushed him away. Her face blushed while she stared at him.

“What?” He smiled and wrapped her in his arms. He then lowered his head and landed a kiss on her pink lips. The passionate makeout went on for several minutes before he finally let her go.

“This little thing is pretty torturing. It’ll never know how much its father sacrificed.” He sighed as he touched Xi Xiaye’s baby bump. His helplessness was manifested in both his tone of voice and his frown.

Xi Xiaye rolled her eyes at him. “Can you please have more healthy thoughts? You weren’t like this before. You’re becoming more and more of a pervert as you get older.”

“Am I old now?” His eyebrows raised when he asked her that.

“Mother told me just now that you’re going to be 33 next year. Do you still think that you’re young?” She stood up and asked, “Do you want to have supper? I can make you some.”

“I’m not hungry. Let’s head upstairs and rest earlier. What else did my mother and grandmother tell you?”

“Nothing much. You should go take a shower first. I have something to talk to you about later.”

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Mu Yuchen swiftly finished his shower after he went into the bedroom. When he went to lie down on the bed, he noticed she was reading a poetry collection while caressing her belly.

“Mr. Mu?” she called out to him as he came closer.

“Hmm?” He lifted the blanket and looked at her.

Xi Xiaye gave it some thought. In the end, she still decided to tell him about it. “Mother talked to me about the Mu family and the Gu family. She mentioned Gu Lingsha as well... Actually, I think she really cares about you. Both her and Father knew that I sent people to investigate the Qi family. They were worried that we’d get into a fight because of some misunderstandings in the past, so she explained it all to me.”

He went silent for a moment before he nodded. “That does sound like my parents’ style. They are always like this, preferring to talk things through.”

“Mmm, I think they are very liberal, whether at work or at home. Some people say rationale can create a gap between people, but I have a different view on that now. In the end, it depends on how people want to work through the relationship. Sometimes I’m quite envious of how polite the relationship between Father and Mother is,” Xi Xiaye said.

Mu Yuchen laughed. “Polite? That’s just what we see on the surface.”

Xi Xiaye took a pause as she was suddenly reminded of something. Then, she grinned. “True. When I saw Father’s gaze at Mother, it’s just like...”

She did not finish her sentence, so he probed, “Like what?”

She smiled mischievously. “Just like how you look at me...”

Mu Yuchen was stunned. He stared at her for a while before turning away. Then, he grabbed her book and tossed it away before climbing onto the top of her.

Right before he switched the lamp off, she could clearly see the man was actually blushing!

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It was getting late and the moonlight lit up the night sky of City Z, making the scenery look magical.

Yue Lingsi was furious and frustrated when she watched the police car slowly go away. She scolded them, "You dogs! Who do you think you are!? Do you people even know who I am? I'm going to make you all pay for this! Idiots! Trash!"

After the incident at the rehabilitation center, Li Si and the others had sent her to the police station and delivered the video to the authorities. She was locked up and only released just a while ago, thanks to her brother!

"Xi Xiaye, you little witch, I'll never let this go so easily! Never! Shen Wenna, don't you dare think that you've won! I can do anything if you force me into a corner. Shen Wenna, Xi Mushan, you guys are going to regret this!" Yue Lingsi clenched her fists angrily.

How did she end up like this after she had sacrificed so much for Xi Mushan, even her reputation and her marriage? How could Shen Wenna grab his heart even when she had given nothing up at all?

She could not accept this at all!

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Without anywhere to express her anger, Yue Lingsi just berated Shen Wenna for a long while. Her hatred towards Shen Wenna and Xi Xiaye grew.

The amount of resentment she harbored was extremely deep. Many people were involved in their conflict as well. Furthermore, the rift between them grew larger by day in the past two decades, so who could be the judge in their case?

Yue Lingsi always felt that she was the victim. She had been protecting their relationship for almost 40 years, and she thought Xi Mushan's cold heart should have been melted by now.

She staggered as she held onto a lamp pole. The faint light from above created a tiny shadow of hers. At that moment, Yue Lingsi felt that she was so helpless and small.

A sense of sadness flooded her heart.

“Xi Mushan, Shen Wenna! You two betrayed me. I’ll never let you guys be together like this! Go to hell!”

She suddenly went mad and started kicking a trash can nearby. The way she behaved was like a maniac who had lost her reasoning.

“Xi Xiaye, you little witch, I’ll make sure you have a lot of reasons to cry in the future! Just wait and see! Ah—!”

Her shriek broke the silence of the night, making the empty streets frighteningly creepy. If it were not for the random cars passing by and the moon in the sky, Yue Lingsi would probably be freaked out as well.

She calmed down moments later. She looked around and flag herself a taxi, but it was 11 p.m., and she was in the outskirts right now. How could she find a taxi like this?

She did not see any taxis around and started cursing Xi Xiaye again before continue walking forward. After she took a few steps, suddenly—

Screech!

A strong wind approached her from behind before she heard the loud squeal of car brakes. It was so loud that it almost busted her eardrums. In terror, she quickly moved aside. Even before she could see the person’s face, she already started yelling, “Damn it! Do you know how to drive?! Can’t you see there’s someone here?”

Moments later, she looked at the car before her and saw the person inside. Her expression changed instantly and she wanted to run away. However, the person in the car was much quicker. The sound of the door opening was followed by the patter of footsteps right after!

Yue Lingsi saw two dark figures whiz past from the side. Suddenly, they were right in front of her, blocking her path!

“Where are you going, Madam Yue?”

She could barely see their faces under the dim light from the street lamps around. They were two thugs wearing flowery shirts and ferocious expressions as they crossed their arms and flashed cold smiles.

The one talking was a man wearing a suit standing behind her. He wore a pair of sunglasses and had a deep wound across his face that invoked fear.

Yue Lingsi shivered uncontrollably as panic filled her eyes. Moments later, she managed to suppress her emotions and force a smile on her face as she turned towards the man. “You guys... Why are you guys here? What a coincidence!”

“Really? I’ve been looking for you for days. I waited here just for you after finding out that you’d be here. Really a coincidence, huh?” The man snorted.

“This... I...” Yue Lingsi stuttered, unable to even form a proper sentence!

She was very familiar with these people!

They were debt collectors!

She had several million of debts. Adding the interest, it should be over \$10 million now!

Where could she get this amount of money?

Had it been before, \$10 million was not an issue at all, but ever since the Xi family had fallen and Yueying got into trouble, a part of Yue Lingsi’s assets was used to fill the financial void. After that, she

got addicted to gambling. Not only did she lose all her money in the short span of a few months, but now she also needed to pay \$10 million back!

She did not even have a million dollars right now!

She promised to return the money in ten days, thinking that she could get it from either Xi Xinyi or Han Yifeng, but she could not even meet Han Yifeng. Every time she arrived at the Han Corporation and wanted to see him, they reply she got was always “CEO isn’t here” or “CEO has gone abroad”.

It was even worse when she went to look for Xi Xinyi. Instantly, she was reminded about the scene at the hospital the other day!

Xi Xinyi had changed to become cruel and cold. She had been her support back when she was still the Deputy CEO of Yueying, but now that she became useless, Xi Xinyi was going to abandon her!

She was her mother after all. How could she be so cruel? Yue Lingsi had worked so hard for her sake, yet...

Bile rose in her throat.

Xi Xinyi was present as well when the debt collectors went to their house, but she did not really care after she chased them away. Yue Lingsi was going to ask Xi Xinyi to help out on this, but she gave up after seeing Xi Xinyi’s cold attitude towards her.

She could not do anything else but hide. Although she was afraid the debt collectors might find her, she could not avoid them forever and was still caught in the end.

“Madam Yue, it’s been three days since the promised date. Where’s the money? Our boss is very generous with you. You can’t take advantage of him like this!” the man spoke coldly as he walked towards her.

Her expression changed as she backed off slowly while her face was filled with fear as she looked at the man with unease in her eyes. Her voice started to tremble. "No... I... I'm getting money right now. Can you ask your boss to give me a few more days?"