

## Loving 641

### Chapter 641. Meeting For The First Time (2)

Apparently, Gu Lingsha did not expect Xi Xiaye's question. She lowered her head and smiled instead of replying. Xi Xiaye did not say anything else and just glanced at her. Just then, Wang Qin came over and raised her glass, signaling for a toast.

"Director Xi, we have several stakeholders from Qi Kai here. Let's head over. They're admirers of you and Chairman Mu. Xiao Lei, accompany Director Xi there."

Wang Qin did not want her banquet to be ruined by Gu Lingsha. Her sudden appearance took all the spotlight away. Although she did not want to talk about it anymore, she would land in hot soup if she were to make Xi Xiaye unhappy!

This woman had been Mu Yuchen's fiancée before, and she shamelessly tried to elope with Qi Feng. She disappeared for five years after the accident, and for some reason, she made her appearance now. Despite sending people to search for her before, there had been no results!

She still acted the same as before. Did she think this was her turf?

Wang Qin's impression of Gu Lingsha was the worst, especially when she saw her standing beside her own son. It was just annoying to watch!

Qi Lei looked at Wang Qin and glanced slightly at Xi Xiaye who nodded and went along with Wang Qin. That was when he turned to Gu Lingsha and gave his orders to Yang Sheng, "Yang Sheng, bring Shasha somewhere to rest. Shasha, go rest first. You seem tired. I'll look for you later."

"Yes, Master Qi!"

Ah Mo squinted at Ji Zitong, who nodded and quickly followed Xi Xiaye, then he looked away.

The banquet was very lively. After Xi Xiaye went to greet some people with Wang Qin and Qi Lei, they exchanged some opinions regarding the South River project. Some of the managers came over for a toast, but Xi Xiaye soon felt tired and a little light-headed.

While she stayed away from alcohol, the fumes of the wine around affected her a little. She took the chance to slip away somewhere to rest when they were busy talking.

“Director Xi, let me get you some water,” Ji Zitong quickly offered when she saw Xi Xiaye was getting tired.

Xi Xiaye nodded. “Okay, let’s head back after I’ve rested for a bit. It’s getting late.”

She would feel tired easily ever since she had this little thing in her womb. Life was pretty tough for her. It was only then that she realized the hardships of being a mother.

“Ms. Gu, you can have some drinks first. You don’t have to leave so quickly. Master Qi is still over there. If he doesn’t see you later, he’ll be...”

As Xi Xiaye sat down and took a breather, she heard a familiar voice from the back. She turned around and saw Gu Lingsha sitting on the sofa behind her while Yang Sheng was serving her.

Gu Lingsha nodded with a smile. “It’s fine, Assistant Yang. You can go to work on your tasks. I’ll stay here by myself.”

Her voice was filled with warmth. Yang Sheng quickly replied, “Master Qi instructed me to serve you well. You don’t have to be so considerate.”

Gu Lingsha smiled, but just as she was about to say something, she noticed Xi Xiaye looking at them. Her smile suddenly grew wider as she raised her wine glass and invited her over. “Ms. Xi, are you willing to come over and have a little chat?”

Xi Xiaye raised her eyebrows as she looked at her calmly. Had she just invited her over?

A faint light flashed past her eyes. Moments later, she pointed at the empty seat beside her, signaling Gu Lingsha to sit there.

Gu Lingsha was stunned for a moment, but then she walked over and sat down opposite Xi Xiaye. Meanwhile, Yang Sheng just stayed aside and observed them quietly.

“It’s an honor to meet you, Ms. Xi.” Gu Lingsha smiled.

Xi Xiaye did not bother playing nice with her and gave a brief reply, “But I don’t feel very fortunate here, Ms. Gu.”

Her retort was much to Gu Lingsha’s surprise. She then smiled and looked at Xi Xiaye sweetly. “Why do you say so?”

Xi Xiaye raised her arm and supported her heavy head as she took a deep breath and said, “Unfortunately, I’m not very good with alcohol, so I’m afraid I can’t speak very long with you.”

“Ms. Xi, you should really take care of your health. You... How long have you been married to Mu Yuchen? I’ve been living abroad in recent years and had no idea what happened here, so...” Gu Lingsha sighed. A peculiar expression flashed in her beautiful eyes as she glanced at Xi Xiaye’s baby bump quietly. Her eyes seemed complicated, but they returned to normal very quickly, so Xi Xiaye was not quite able to capture it.

“It’ll be almost a year soon.”

Gu Lingsha smiled as she got the answer from Xi Xiaye. “I’m really envious. I can see that both of you have lived happily in the past year at least. Don’t you find it odd that I know Yuchen?”

Gu Lingsha’s eyes were big and sparkling as she stared right at Xi Xiaye. For some reason, Xi Xiaye sensed a tinge of hostility from her when she asked the question. Was this her hatred for Mu Yuchen regarding the accident?

Or was it something else?

Xi Xiaye would have loved to ask her about the accident especially when she noticed a depressed expression on her face. She was trying to get more information by looking at her, but all she got was the extremely elegant aura around her.

Xi Xiaye was getting uncomfortable. She could not detect any evil intent from this woman, yet this peaceful conversation made her vigilant. She smiled. "Odd? What's so odd about that? He told me he had an arranged betrothal before, but fate does its own thing and feelings can never be predicted. I admire him a lot and I'm very glad about our baby too, Ms. Gu."

Gu Lingsha was stunned by Xi Xiaye's reply. It was not difficult to sense the coldness in her words.

Given the fact that this woman appeared here today, apart from finding it ridiculous, she felt even a wave of strong, hidden anger inside her.

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After a moment of silence, Gu Lingsha put on a smile.

"You might be right, but here are my thoughts. How would you know what's right or wrong if you've never experienced it before?" Gu Lingsha's tone became cold and heavy all of a sudden.

Xi Xiaye returned a smile as well as she rose from her seat and peered down at Gu Lingsha from above as she spoke in a calm tone, "Ms. Gu, it doesn't matter to me, especially when it comes to matters that happened in the past. We live in the present instead of the past. Isn't that right?"

Gu Lingsha's face became tense while she raised her head and looked at Xi Xiaye's little face. Her grip on her wine glass tightened, but when she was about to say something else, Xi Xiaye had already walked past her.

"He told me about you before. It was full of unhappy memories, so please forgive me. Talking to you would probably be very unhappy for me as well. Let me treat you to some tea and we'll chat again if the chance arises."

Ji Zitong went up to Xi Xiaye quickly as she glanced over at Gu Lingsha. She handed Xi Xiaye a glass of water.

Xi Xiaye took a sip and then instructed, "Have the car prepared. It's getting late."

"Okay."

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Gu Lingsha still could not react after she heard Xi Xiaye's words. She did not expect her to be so straightforward. It was obvious that Xi Xiaye was pretty headstrong too. Even her presence was overwhelming!

Mu Yuchen, it seemed like you found yourself a powerful woman there...

Gu Lingsha watched Xi Xiaye's slender figure walking through the crowd. She replied with an elegant smile as people greeted her. Wang Qin even sent her off personally with a big smile. It was such a huge contrast when compared to how she treated Gu Lingsha!

She put on a bitter smile as she lowered her head and took a sip of wine unhappily.

The wind breezed through as she left the Qi residence. It was pretty cold in the winter. Xi Xiaye was walking down the staircase and the car was already waiting nearby. However, she looked around and did not see Ah Mo anywhere, so she quickly asked, "Where's Ah Mo?"

"He'll head back later. Get into the car first, Director Xi. It's cold outside. We'll send you back to Maple Residence first. Those are Manager Ah Mo's orders."

Ji Zitong opened the car door for Xi Xiaye who was startled for a moment, but soon after that, she nodded and sat inside the car.

At the same time, the banquet was still going on.

Ah Mo was standing by a dark corridor as he glanced inside the hall. Specifically, he was observing Gu Lingsha, taking mental notes of everyone who came into contact with her. When Qi Lei arrived, he looked away and faced the flower bed instead.

“How come Xiaye left so early?”

Qi Lei could not find Xi Xiaye anywhere after he spoke for a while with someone from the company. After asking around, he realized Xi Xiaye had already left.

“Missus was not feeling very well. Please understand,” Ah Mo replied quietly with a stony expression.

Qi Lei glanced at him for a while before putting on a smile. “Please thank her for me regarding today.”

Ah Mo nodded. He looked at Gu Lingsha who was sitting on the sofa and chatting with a bunch of guys swarming around her. Qi Lei did not miss Ah Mo’s reaction. “I didn’t know she’d come, but do thank your Master for me too. I’m glad to know that she’s still alive.”

“I’m here just to pass you a message from Master. A lot of things can happen in five years. It’s hard to predict how a person will act, so be careful on your own.”

“What does he mean?” Qi Lei squinted and stared straight at Ah Mo.

Ah Mo did not explain. Instead, he replied, “Master said you’re a smart guy and he wouldn’t need to point it out to you. If you’re really hoping for the collaboration to happen, Master Qi, he hopes you won’t interfere with anything else aside from work. It might be better for you to be a bystander.”

Qi Lei chuckled as he listened to Ah Mo. “That does sound like what Mu Yuchen would say!”

“Now that I’ve delivered the message, I’ll head back now.” Ah Mo left immediately since he had to go to the club to take a look.

Qi Lei did not say anything else and just waved.

Ah Mo slowly walked past the crowd, and his figure soon disappeared outside the door.

Many people saw them together, but they had nothing to hide. After all, Glory World and Qi Kai were business partners, so meeting in secret would raise even more suspicions.

Xi Xinyi had been observing the whole scene throughout the night. She finally voiced out her doubts to Yue Hai beside her. "Uncle, Glory World seems to be very close to Wang Qin. I'm sure Xi Xiaye's visit today means something. Is Glory World backing Qi Lei?"

Yue Hai averted his gaze from the dance pool to her. "I'm sure you know about the conflict between CEO Qi and Wang Qin. The successor of Qi Kai is still undecided, and think about it, why would Gu Lingsha suddenly come back? She disappeared with Qi Feng for so many years. Isn't it weird that she'd suddenly appear here? Moreover, from what I know, Wang Qin didn't like Gu Lingsha. On the day of the accident, Wang Qin forced Qi Lei away and managed to get him out of the mess. Otherwise, Qi Lei would not just let Gu Lingsha leave with Qi Feng as it would contradict his feelings."

"Then, if this is about Qi Feng and Gu Lingsha, how is this related to Mu Yuchen?"

Xi Xinyi was confused. She had no idea what happened to these families in the past. She only knew that Qi Kai's First Master had passed away from a car accident five years ago and as a result, Qi Qiming developed hatred towards Mu Yuchen. Other than that, she was unaware of the details.

Yue Hai laughed coldly. "Because Gu Lingsha was once Mu Yuchen's fiancée, Gu Qihao was determined to let her marry into the Mu family. Take note that by marrying into the Mu family, Gu Lingsha could easily become the wife of Glory World's Chairman, but things would be different with the Qi family! Anyone with a brain wouldn't choose the Qi family. Moreover, Gu Qihao is an extremely calculative person!

"Xinyi, you have to manage your relationships with the Han family well. You don't have to worry anymore once you have some bargaining chips in hand."

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Yue Hai reminded Xi Xinyi before she could say anything as he glanced at her with a sigh, "I went to visit your mother the other day with your aunt. The two of you are really reckless. It'll be horrible if this reaches your grandfather. He hates infighting."

Yue Hai frowned and sighed again. "I understand your mother very well. I suppose she didn't have a choice. She's been enjoying love and care from everyone around her since she was little, and she could easily get whatever she wanted, yet she could not be with your father. I was against it when she told me she liked your father, Xi Mushan, and now... I'm disappointed. Your grandfather was angry too. Your First Uncle had a lot to deal with. We thought about taking her back in again after the scandal died down, but who would've expected her to be addicted to gambling, and she's disabled now.

"No matter what, you can't treat her like that. She's your mother, Xinyi! Your First Uncle and I are disappointed with you this time!"

Xi Xinyi understood very well what Yue Hai meant. Her expression changed slightly as she gave a quick reply, "I was agitated. That's why my choice of words was harsh, but I really don't know what to do about her. I was on the verge of breaking down some time ago, but she..."

"Both your First Uncle and I didn't tell your grandfather what happened this time, so please don't let us down again. We don't have daughters ourselves and we've always treated you like our daughter. Your mother is our sister. She has done so much for you before, and you..."

"I get it, I get it, Uncle! I'll make sure to reflect on my behavior. I was too reckless this time. Please don't let Grandfather worry about this matter as he's getting old. I'll try my best to do everything that I can. Leave it to me!" Xi Xinyi interrupted before Yue Hai could finish his sentence. Her tone of voice sounded respectful, but she hid the bitterness in her eyes.

Yue Hai nodded. "That's good to hear. By the way, take note of Gu Lingsha and be on good terms with her if possible. She's someone valued highly by Qi Qiming, so it should be advantageous for you to get close to her."

Xi Xinyi took a deep breath and nodded. "Okay, I'll take note of her. Don't worry, Uncle."

"Her relationship with the Qi family brothers is a little special. No matter who's in charge of Qi Kai in the future, Yueying will be fine as long as you keep a good relationship with her. Understand?"

Yue Hai was a sly fox with many years of experience in the business world. Obviously, he was on Qi Qiming's side, and he had been pressured a lot by Wang Qin. He was hoping for Xi Xinyi to have some



other alternatives than just himself. Judging from what happened today, Wang Qin probably had something up her sleeve, thus Yue Hai needed to have some plans.

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Qi Lei imagined many different scenarios about how they would meet again, but he never expected them to reunite under such circumstances. He thought she would at least reappear with Qi Feng, yet...

She was still as beautiful as ever. The only difference was the faint depressive vibe around her.

By the corridor behind the hall, Qi Lei grabbed Gu Lingsha's slender shoulders as he asked, "How are you, Shasha? Where have you been all these years? I've sent people to look for you for a very very long time. I thought I'd never see you again..."

Gu Lingsha pushed Qi Lei's hand away and put on a bitter smile. "Don't do this, Lei... I'm here now, aren't I?"

"Shasha, what happened back then? Qi Feng and you... Why was Lingtian in the car as well? Why would he...?"

Qi Lei ignored Gu Lingsha's struggling and gripped her shoulder tightly as he bombarded her with loads of questions.

Gu Lingsha's expression turned pale when Qi Lei mentioned the accident. She felt a migraine coming on as she quickly shook her head. "I don't know, I don't know. I don't remember anything, nothing at all! Don't ask me about it. I'm having a headache!"

Qi Lei looked at Gu Lingsha's pale little face. Worried, he helped her to stand properly and asked with a grim expression, "What's wrong? Shasha, what happened to you?"

Gu Lingsha took a deep breath as she pressed her forehead with her right hand. "I forgot what happened when I woke up. the doctor said it's selective amnesia, so I don't know anything about it now. I don't know what happened before. Don't ask me about it."

Qi Lei brought Gu Lingsha to sit down at a nearby wooden chair as he asked, "Okay! Okay! I won't ask then. How do you feel now? Do you need a doctor?"

Gu Lingsha shook her head. "I'm alright. I'll be fine after a while."

"Shasha, where have you been all these years? Where's Qi Feng? Why isn't he here?"

Gu Lingsha's eyes darkened slightly before she forced a smile. "I've been staying abroad for the past few years. I was under observation for a very long time because I sustained brain damage. I only gradually woke up after being bed-ridden for a year in the hospital. I haven't seen Ah Feng since I woke up and I don't have any information about him as well."

"Wasn't he rescued with you? How could you not know anything about him? Who rescued both of you?" Qi Lei frowned as he continued his questions.

Gu Lingsha shook her head. "I don't know. Stop asking me about it. I told you I've forgotten. I stayed in the hospital to recover. After that, I started looking for jobs to train myself. Several years passed and here I am right now."

Qi Lei looked into Gu Lingsha's eyes. She felt a little uncomfortable from his sharp stare, but she did not say anything. Instead, she rose from her seat and walked along the corridor.

She suddenly halted her steps when she passed by him. Raising her head and looking at him, her voice sounded slightly sad and helpless.

"Please don't ask me about matters in the past anymore. I only returned to City Z because of my father and Uncle Qi's request. Lei, no matter what I hope you're still the old you, and I'll stay the same old me as well. We're good friends forever, okay?"

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When Qi Lei heard this, his eyes darkened. The pain that he had buried deep in his heart suddenly resurfaced like a surge of insanity. He wanted to go up to her and give her a hug to tell her that he missed her and that he thought she was gone. He wanted her to know that he had suffered and struggled.

However, seeing her right now, all the urge that gathered in chest unexpectedly dissolved. He did not say anything. Instead, he just watched her quietly as he slowly let go of her shoulders.

Qi Lei endured the anguish in his heart as he asked bitterly, "Shasha, I'm still as annoying to you as I was before, aren't I?"

Gu Lingsha gently shook her head as a dazzling smile flashed across her face. "Why do you sell yourself short like that? I've told you I've always admired you. I also know that your talents aren't in the least inferior to Qi Feng's. Haven't you always said that I'm your muse? I've always kept the medal you won in your first competition in my drawer. I see it whenever I pull it open."

When he heard her mild admonition, Qi Lei's tensed expression eased a little. He lowered his gaze and his voice became gentler as he said softly, "Turns out you still remember these."

"Of course, I do. I really cherish all of the good times we've had. Ah Feng, you, and Lingtian... all those happy times we've had are worth remembering forever."

Gu Lingsha sighed softly. "Sometimes, I really wish we could go back in time. When I woke up and knew that Lingtian couldn't have come out of the accident alive, I was really heartbroken. Even though I don't know what happened then, I think that if it were not for Ah Feng and me, it wouldn't have turned out like this."

"I told you Mu Yuchen wouldn't let you off easily. Since you wanted to leave with Qi Feng, you shouldn't have agreed to marry Mu Yuchen then. In fact, Mu Yuchen doesn't love you either, I reckon," said Qi Lei in a deep voice as he fixed his gaze on Gu Lingsha.

Indeed, once Qi Lei said that, Gu Lingsha's little face paled again. Faint disappointment and sorrow filled her beautiful eyes, she nodded in resignation. "You're right. Perhaps, I don't know why I left with Qi Feng either. Actually, I remember, back then when I said I'd marry Mu Yuchen, I agreed to it willingly and didn't object. After all, I was his fiancée. My father had always hoped I could marry into the Mu family, but I didn't think that he would be such a cruel person. Even Lingtian..."

“Shasha, Mu Yuchen’s married. He loves Xi Xiaye dearly. He told me that she’s the only woman he’s ever truly loved. I don’t know why he would agree to marry you back then, but you wouldn’t have been happy marrying someone as cold and distant as him. I know that you were fighting with Qi Feng, so...”

“Lei, let’s not talk about these things anymore. I hope that you can just stay out of it.”

“Shasha, I know it’s because of my mother. Because she’s been pulling off dirty tricks from within, she wouldn’t agree to me and you, and she wouldn’t let you and Qi Feng be, so...”

When he said this, Qi Lei suddenly lifted both hands to hold Xi Xinyi’s shoulders as he became slightly stirred up. His eyes were apologetic. “I’m very sorry, Shasha... I want to apologize on behalf of her. Please forgive us.”

Upon hearing this, Gu Lingsha just smiled. “No, you don’t have to apologize about anything. I know that Aunt Wang’s just doing what’s best for you. I’m the reason for all the misfortunes. If anyone were to blame, it would just be me. Of course, I admit that I should resent Mu Yuchen too. If he weren’t so vicious, the tragedy wouldn’t have happened.”

She subconsciously covered her right arm and her gaze darkened.

Seeing that, Qi Lei quickly took her left arm and swiftly pulled her long lace glove off.

It took just one look!

And his eyes immediately froze!

Her arm was filled with crisscrossed, sinister-looking scars, and you could see that her left hand seemed to move a little oddly. Her mobility was slightly abnormal. Just by the look of these wounds, he could imagine how bad the accident had been!

Qi Lei’s sudden actions stunned Gu Lingsha. Moments later, she quickly pushed him away and pulled her gloves up a little nervously, covering up the wound.

“How...?”

Qi Lei’s eyes widened while they were transfixed on Gu Lingsha’s pale little face. Seeing her pull up her gloves so sadly, his eyes were filled with shame and uneasiness. There was even anguish as his heart ached at this sight.

Gu Lingsha shot a look at Qi Lei with her slightly watery eyes which were filled with a wave of slight anger!

Obviously, Qi Lei could understand Gu Lingsha. How could the usual prideful her have endured such a thing?

With the scars exposed, it not only revealed her fear and agitation, but also her pride and self-esteem that were hidden deep in her heart!

She was ashamed and resentful as she covered her arm tightly. Finally, she sniffled and turned to walk quickly away towards the corridor.

Qi Lei did not go after her though his expression dared slightly. The emotions that gathered in his heart were mixed. While he pitied her, at the same time, he was angry and unhappy with Mu Yuchen!

How could Shasha’s hand be ruined just like that?

He remembered that she always loved playing the piano. There was once on his birthday, she played the piano to wish him, and now...

Qi Lei could not help but clench his fists tightly as he looked up quietly at Gu Lingsha’s gradually disappearing figure at the end of the corridor.

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Xi Xiaye took a comfortable shower as soon as she returned to Maple Residence. Sis Wang was worried she would be hungry, so she had especially cooked her a plain shredded chicken porridge. True enough, Xi Xiaye was feeling hungry since she did not eat much at the banquet, so she finished two and a half bowls in a go.

She returned to the study room to gather the documents, preparing them for use at work the next day. Then, Mu Yuchen's call came.

She watched the phone on the table vibrate for a while, not immediately picking it up. She thought about tonight. Her twinkling eyes could not help but emit a dull glow as she struggled for a while, and after the third ring, she slowly reached out to pick it up.

"Why did it take you so long to answer, hmm?" His deep and sensitive voice came, and it was slightly raspy too.

"I've been busy arranging some things," she answered plainly without stopping what she was doing.

"Your tone doesn't sound right. Who provoked you? Tell me. I'll handle them." Master Mu had always been terrifyingly good at seeing people through. With just a simple sentence, he could already feel that his woman was not in the best of moods, so his tone immediately became gentler.

"Mr. Mu, you haven't been honest with me..." Xi Xiaye straightened up and propped herself up before walking over to sit down on the lounge chair on the side.

Chapter 645. Unique and Unmatched Existence (1)

Her tone was light as the breeze, yet the man could keenly pick up a hint of dissatisfaction.

Inside the vast and quiet airport VIP lounge, Mu Yuchen held onto the railing with one hand while his deep gaze looked through the tinted windows at the landing airplanes. A faint curve flashed across his handsome face while he quietly listened to the woman's unhappy complaints. He did not immediately respond, so the two of them stayed quiet for a while.

Xi Xiaye waited for a while and when he did not answer, she asked softly again, "Why aren't you saying anything?"

He then chuckled, his deep voice as calm as water and containing a hint of warmth. "I'd like to hear what is it that made you doubt your husband's loyalty, Missus."

When she heard him teasing her, Xi Xiaye's gaze darkened. She leaned back against the chair as she casually took a book from the shelf on her side to hug to her chest. She said calmly, "Mr. Mu, we've been married for almost a year now. Tell me what do you think of me?"

Why was this girl suddenly asking him about her character now?

Upon hearing this question, Mu Yuchen was a little taken aback. His dark eyes froze for a while, then he asked her back, "What do you think?"

"I don't know. I just know that I'm not perfect. Don't you always tell me that I have poor EQ?" she complained.

Mu Yuchen frowned and did not say anything.

She paused, then continued, "Tonight, I went to join VP Wang's birthday banquet and I met someone. She really surprised me. Do you want to know who it was?"

Mu Yuchen leisurely lit up a cigarette and responded calmly, "Who?"

Xi Xiaye held onto the book with one hand as she looked at the lamp that shone beside her. She sighed gently. "I met Gu Lingsha, your previous fiancée. She's a really beautiful woman. If it were in the past, she would be the kind of beauty that could turn a country upside down. In fact, I can see that she's charismatic and quite capable too. She asked me how you were doing."

"What did you say then?" The man's tone was still calm and undisturbed on the other end, so she really could not tell how he felt.

"I really don't like the way she spoke. She's such a stunner, and yet you told me before this that she's... not as pretty as I am..."

Upon hearing her sad whining, his gently furrowed brows raised instead. His lips curved into an amused smile, yet his tone was still calm and stiff. "I thought you wouldn't ever feel threatened."

"What do you mean threatened? I just don't like her. I feel like she didn't come with friendliness, so I didn't speak much to her."

He chuckled out loud. "And here I thought something happened. It's okay if you don't like her. She can't force you to like her, can she? As good-looking as she may be, your Mr. Mu doesn't fancy her. Besides, who can compare to your charisma and looks?"

"I don't want to explain much about Gu Lingsha. She's just an irrelevant woman. The fact that you could talk to me about the reason you're unhappy means that you have high self-awareness. It's great to rid of any unhappy suspicions or jealousy between us. I already knew about Gu Lingsha's return, so I'm not surprised, but I am worried about you."

It was rare for him to explain so much. To her amusement, his tone was low and he was not annoyed at all.

"Xiaye, we have a long way more to go. Whether or not we'll make the journey steadily depends on us. I have always trusted you, so I won't question you about your past. I always believe that your heart will only end up with me, just as you didn't question me about my past before. Back when I saw you sign the marriage papers, I admit I did feel mixed emotions since I gambled with marriage. I'm afraid of losing too."

When Mu Yuchen admitted to this, there was suddenly the hint of a faint smile on his face. "When I heard that you were willing to have the wedding ceremony with me, and being troubled over our child, I'm happy. No matter what, Xiaye, I just want to spend the rest of my life worrying about you. The rest of my life belongs to only you. It's not worth letting these irrelevant people make you unhappy."

Upon hearing this, she suddenly felt her heart turn soft. They all said that women were more sensitive to hearing romantic speeches after all. She had to admit that she was worried that the rational side of her had become mush. Such heartfelt words were imprinted onto her heart. Instantly, a lump of emotions slowly rose from inside her heart and hot tears instantly welled up in her eyes. She then said in a raspy voice, "I'm sorry, Mr. Mu. You're too good to me. I'm afraid that one day you'll suddenly... If that happens, I won't be able to take it..."



“Sometimes, I really want to hide you and not let other women know how good you are... Then, you can only stay by my side, and not go anywhere...”

After she blurted this out, Mu Yuchen immediately laughed out gently. His little woman was finally enlightened and knew to hold onto him tightly. This was definitely something worth being overjoyed about. It made him much more content than striking a huge business deal.

“Don’t say those words ‘I’m sorry’ to me anymore. You have the right to enjoy it. My name’s in the column as your partner, so where else will I run to? Besides, you’re carrying our child right now. This links us in countless ways and cannot be severed. If you’re still worried, then fight for Grandfather, Grandmother and our parents’ liking on the daily. Make them your strongest backup. I’m even burning all my escape routes for you. How could you doubt my loyalty, Missus? When did you become so sensitive?”

His deep, sensitive yet gentle voice made her could not help but tear up again. She replied in a hoarse voice, “Why are you criticizing me? Ever since I met you, I’ve become too sensitive!”

“I haven’t said anything. How did I criticize you?”

“You wouldn’t dare! But to be honest, that Gu Lingsha is really beautiful.”

He smiled in amusement. “Okay, whether she’s pretty or not is her problem. It’s got nothing to do with us. Our daughter will be a thousand times prettier than her in the future. Of course, this applies to her mother too!”

“I never knew you were so good at making girls happy.” Xi Xiaye laughed with her lips pursed.

“You’re wrong. I don’t know how to make girls happy. I only know how to do that with you, Missus. Your existence is unique and unmatched. Who else could have this honor?”

It was rare for Mr. Mu to play along with her.

“When are you coming back? It’s been so long! It’s already more than a month now. The baby and I miss you very much.”

Chapter 646. Unique and Unmatched Existence (2)

Their call went on for around half an hour. Li Si witnessed the warm smile spreading on Mu Yuchen’s face and heard his soft-spoken tone.

Was this really his Master?

Could love really change a person this much?

All the hidden gentleness inside him was unleashed!

After he finally comforted his little woman at home and convinced her to go to bed, he missed her dearly and yearned to head back right now, but his circumstances forbade him from doing so.

“Master, it’s time to board the plane. It’s taking off soon,” Li Si spoke quietly when he saw Mu Yuchen finished the phone call.

Mu Yuchen nodded and walked out of the VIP lounge.

“Master, did something happen on Director Xi’s end?” Li Si could not rein in his curiosity and asked when he saw Mu Yuchen smiling.

Mu Yuchen spoke as he continued forward, “Gu Lingsha returned to City Z. We must complete our tasks here as soon as possible.”

“Gu Lingsha... She met Director Xi?” Li Si was stunned as he expressed his worry.

“Your Missus’s existence is unique and unmatched. It doesn’t matter if they’ve met each other. They’ll have to pay back what they owe, or maybe this is a battle of endurance, so we can take our time and have some fun with them,” said Mu Yuchen as his eyes darkened.

Li Si nodded. "Yes, Master!"

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The flight went directly to Los Angeles from New York. It was night time when they arrived at their destination.

The arranged driver was already waiting outside the airport when they arrived.

Mu Yuchen walked through the VIP lane and swiftly boarded the car.

This night was still young in the city of Los Angeles as the car drove into the city area. It was pretty crowded on the streets and the night lights were rather charming.

Mu Yuchen sat in the back with his laptop on his lap. The blue light from the screen lit up his handsome face.

"Master, we've arranged a hotel to check into. Are we going to the hotel or...?" Li Si turned around and asked Mu Yuchen about his plan.

"Go straight to Manor S," replied Mu Yuchen without even batting an eye while his fingers were typing swiftly on the keyboard.

Li Si nodded and gave instructions to the driver quietly. Soon, it was quiet again inside the car.

Manor S was the place Xi Mushan and Shen Wenna resided in right now. Mu Yuchen had purchased it for their sake and let them stay there.

The car passed by several junctions and headed towards the outskirts. They soon arrived outside Manor S.

“Master, we’ve arrived at Manor S.”

Mu Yuchen finally switched off his laptop. He put it aside and started to get down from the car.

“Master, let me get them to open the door.”

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Of course, Xi Mushan and Shen Wenna had no idea their son-in-law would come so late at night. The two of them were sitting on the sofa while the TV was airing some interesting shows. Xi Mushan was sitting right beside Shen Wenna, peeling some sunflower seeds as he watched the TV. Shen Wenna was sitting there quietly with Little Apple on her lap.

Little Apple loved sunflower seeds and was enjoying some of them on Shen Wenna’s palm. It gobbled them up in just a moment and wanted more from Shen Wenna who smiled. “Alright, I can’t see. Ask Grandpa to peel some for you. You shouldn’t eat too much of these you know. It’s heaty.”

“You really are like your mother. She likes to snack a lot too. There was once when she was little she ate a lot of heaty snacks and got a high fever late at night! Oh my... Stop! You’re scratching me. Hmm, you smell nice. Who bathed you today?”

Shen Wenna was happy playing with Little Apple. Ever since they had it, it felt like they both had another child. They used to just go back to their room at night, but now they would spend time together in the living room after dinner, playing with Little Apple.

“Of course, it was me, right, Little Apple?”

Xi Mushan put some peeled sunflower seeds onto Shen Wenna’s palm as he patted Little Apple’s head and looked at Shen Wenna. “Let me cook you some supper. You didn’t eat much during dinner, did you?”

Shen Wenna gave it some thought before nodding. “Let’s have some dumplings. They can be done pretty quickly...”

Before Shen Wenna could finish her sentence, they heard the sound of footsteps outside the door, and the two of them turned their heads around.

“Ah Chen? Why are you here?” Xi Mushan was surprised to see Mu Yuchen. He was evidently caught off guard.

“Father, Mother.”

Mu Yuchen walked towards the sofa as Xi Mushan and Shen Wenna both stood up.

Shen Wenna had a smile on her face as she asked, “Ah Chen? Ah Chen is here?”

Mu Yuchen stopped before the two of them and said humbly, “Mmm, I just so happen to be nearby here for work, so I came over to take a look at you both. Xiaye has been worried, so I came here right after I touched down.”

“You rushed over here without having dinner, didn’t you? Xi Mushan, make something to eat for him. I’m a little hungry as well. Ah Chen, have a seat and let’s chat,” Shen Wenna said kindly.

Xi Mushan nodded. “Alright, I was just about to make some food for your mother as well. What would you like to eat?”

“I don’t mind anything. Ask the servants to prepare it. Please sit, Mother.” Mu Yuchen smiled and helped Shen Wenna to sit down.

“I’m fine. Let me do it. Just sit there and wait for a while. I’ll get someone to bring you some warm water to wash your hands.”

The quiet manor started to get lively while Li Si and the others moved all the luggage in before helping Xi Mushan. In the meantime, Shen Wenna had Mu Yuchen tell her about Xi Xiaye and Shen Yue. She had been here for nearly half a year now and she missed them dearly.

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Shen Wenna looked well. Although her figure was still as skinny as before, she seemed healthy. Xi Mushan was really taking good care of her, the previous signs of depression had disappeared.

“Are you getting used to life here?”

Mu Yuchen glanced at Little Apple in Shen Wenna’s arm as he patted its head and it glanced up at him with its big eyes.

Shen Wenna put on a smile and nodded. “I’m great. Thanks for asking, Ah Chen. I’ve been doing pretty well with your father over here, all thanks to your arrangement. Oh, and thank you for Little Apple too.”

“You’re welcome, Mother. It’s part of my responsibility. Now that Xiaye and I are married, you two are dear to me as well.”

Mu Yuchen actually was not sure how he should communicate with Shen Wenna and Xi Mushan. He had always been emotionally reserved, so he had no idea how to express his caring intentions. Taking his own parents, for example, he certainly respected and cared about them, but most of the time, he did not know how to express those feelings.

On the other hand, Xiaye did his part for the Mu family, so he wanted to be concerned about Xi Mushan’s situation over here on behalf of her. It was only a fair trade.

“No, Ah Chen, your father and I don’t have a son. We only have one daughter, Xiaye, but I do feel very happy after she got married to you because you’re like a real son to us. I can rest easy leaving Xiaye in your hands. I know you have put in a lot of effort for her father and me.” Shen Wenna’s expression was gentle and her tone was soft.

“I’m just doing what Xiaye wanted me to do. It’s been forever since she wanted both of you to reconcile again. While we can’t interfere with how you feel, this is the most that we can do.” Mu Yuchen was being earnest.

“How would I not know what are you guys thinking? I should be ashamed that you two need to be burdened with our problems. I gave it some thought before. A big part of the cause that led to this

tragedy came from us. We were young and reckless, and weren't brave enough to sail through the hardships, so I hope you guys can take us as an example. You're a smart guy. I'm sure you know what I mean." Shen Wenna smiled.

"Don't worry, Mother. Both Xiaye and I are obedient students of Father and you. There's still a lot for us to learn in terms of marriage and life in general," Mu Yuchen said humbly.

Shen Wenna smiled, pleased. "It's normal for people to learn from each other. I saw a lot of qualities I don't have from watching you guys. Ms. Yang Feng once used the relationship between friends to describe the relationship of a married couple. I'm going to quote her words here: 'I've always thought that even among family members, friendship is very important. Even if they aren't best friends, they should at least be friends that can mutually respect and learn from each other.' That's why I'm really grateful for the courage and help in the issue between her father and me."

Shen Wenna was an experienced academic after all. As a guru to Ph.D. students, she not only excelled at her own field, but she also had a unique view of her interpersonal relationships too, especially after everything that she had gone through. Time had left her a lot of valuable qualities.

"Are you saying that you're willing to get back together with Father again?"

"I knew that you were here to ask me about it. I hope things can go naturally. After being in conflict for so many years, I'm more open-minded now. Many things that should be our burden have fallen onto you both, and I feel bad for that."

Shen Wenna sighed, taking a pause before continuing, "I'm happy that Xiaye is able to understand and forgive, but at the same time, I feel sorry for her. Her father and I owe her too much, and that's why I wanted to make up to her. If I can still teach at University A after my eyes are healed, I... I'll let your father stay at the school with me since the Xi family is no more.

"I still can't forget about him after so many years. You two can stop worrying about me with him by my side. Xiaye and you are going to be parents soon, so spend more time and effort together. Your father and I will take care of ourselves."

Shen Wenna then took a deep breath. She actually felt relieved after the conversation with Mu Yuchen.

She was tired after going through so much at this point. What grudge could be more important than living happily?

Mu Yuchen looked at Shen Wenna quietly for some time before nodding his head. "We're glad about your realization."

"Alright, let's not talk about this anymore. How's Xiaye? It's been several months, hasn't it?"

"The pregnancy's almost in the sixth month now. She's pretty well, but she misses Father and you."

"Great! I'll be able to see my grandchild after I get back."

Mu Yuchen went to the kitchen to help Xi Mushan out after chatting with Shen Wenna for some time.

Xi Mushan was very grateful for his son-in-law. At the same time, he was glad that Xiaye married him.

Mu Yuchen was talking to Xi Mushan about Deng Wenwen. "Deng Wenwen was buried at the West Hill Cemetery. Before she passed away, she told Xiaye to apologize to Mother and you. She even left Xiaye some money, but she donated all of them. Inside Deng Wenwen's safe, we found the document she made Xiaye sign back then. I had Ah Mo destroy it immediately."

Xi Mushan's expression did not change and he just nodded lightly. "Let the past stay in the past. There's no point remembering it."

Mu Yuchen smiled. "We left the key to West Park for you just in case you want to go back. Xiaye said that it'll forever be yours. She's never forgotten about the good times there. There were a lot of memories made with Mother and you."

Xi Mushan shook his head and laughed mirthfully. "I don't need that. There were a lot of unpleasant memories there as well. To me, my home is wherever her mother is. I don't want to go anywhere else."

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Even if he were extremely busy with work, Mu Yuchen still put two days aside to accompany Shen Wenna to the hospital for a check-up and personally understood her situation from the doctor. He was only assured when he knew that the recovery was going well.

He had just accompanied Shen Wenna back from a check-up at the hospital one of those days when Li Si suddenly brought him news.

Underneath the winding corridor in the backyard of the manor, Li Si's expression was solemn as he reported to Mu Yuchen, "Master, earlier, Ah Mo just passed the message that Qi Qiming is planning to let Gu Lingsha join Qi Kai as a project manager. In fact, Qi Qiming might very possibly let her be in charge of Qi Kai's South River project collaboration with Glory World. What do we do?"

Mu Yuchen's expression that was placid flashed with a cold smile. He gazed up at the falling leaves while his tone was unperturbed as always. "I already saw this coming. He always liked pulling these little tricks."

"What do we do then? This project is still under Director Xi. I feel like Qi Qiming did it on purpose to target Director Xi."

Li Si frowned. "In fact, with Qi Lei and Gu Lingsha's relationship... Master, do you think they will use Qi Lei as a weapon?"

When he heard this question, Mu Yuchen's eyes dimmed slightly. "Qi Lei wouldn't be that much of a fool. Since Qi Qiming dares to use Gu Lingsha, that means he and Gu Qihao have come to a deal. This is the one thing Wang Qin doesn't want to see happen the most. If Qi Lei isn't tactful, the first person to be worried will be Wang Qin."

Li Si thought about it for a while, then nodded. "Master, you're right. Right, Master, there's been news from France. The stock market in Europe is in turmoil now. Do we hold or let go?"

"Let go," Mu Yuchen calmly said before abruptly turning around and walking towards the staircase ahead.

“Got it! Also, the automobile marketing plan from Europe has been churned out. Master, please have a look.”

Li Si handed a document to Mu Yuchen, yet he just lifted a hand slightly to stop him. “Send me the market reports of the European market in the past two years first, and then send this proposal to me. I want them this afternoon. Book a flight ticket for France tomorrow night. Make an appointment with CEO William tonight.”

“Got it!”

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Mu Yuchen did not stay in Los Angeles for long. He only stayed for a few days before rushing over to France.

In the evening, Xi Mushan and Shen Wenna stood in front of the manor to send Mu Yuchen off.

“Ah Chen, in the face of work, humans are always so small. You should watch over yourself. I’m worried you’ll burn out from running around so frequently.”

Shen Wenna was no longer as cold as she had been in the past. She was becoming more and more caring towards this son-in-law of hers.

“Father, Mother, don’t worry. I’ll take care of myself. You’ll be removing your bandage in another two days. Once the situation stabilizes, I’ll arrange for people to bring the two of you home safely. I’ve understood the situation from the doctor. He says it shouldn’t be too huge of a problem.”

Shen Wenna nodded. “Thank you for the trouble. Okay, get into the car now. It’s cold outside. Don’t freeze. We’ll gather again when we’ve returned to City Z. Remember to call Xiaye more from time to time and don’t worry about your father-in-law and me. We’ll take good care of ourselves.”

“Okay then, Father. Please take care of Mother.”

Xi Mushan nodded, then Mu Yuchen got into the car and they swiftly drove away like a hurricane.

Xi Mushan and Shen Wenna stood where they were for a very long time without moving. Upon seeing that the weather was getting colder, Xi Mushan considerably took the coat on his shoulders off and put it on Shen Wenna as he said sensitively, "Okay, the car is long gone. Let's go back in too."

Shen Wenna went along with him and nodded. She turned around unhurriedly as she said, "What did Ah Chen give you earlier?"

Xi Mushan looked down at the folder in his hand and helped Shen Wenna return to the manor as he responded, "We'll go back in and see. Oh, right, he brought you some accessories. See if you like them later on."

"It's enough that he buys them for Xiaye. What would I wear accessories in my current state for?"

"It's just a token of kindness from the child. Just accept them."

The two of them returned to the living room where Xi Mushan set Shen Wenna down on the sofa while he sat down near her. Then, he slowly opened the folder, and what greeted his sight was unexpectedly a contract for the transfer of shares from University A. The beneficiaries were Xi Mushan and Shen Wenna. There was also a letter of appointment, hiring Xi Mushan as the Vice Principal of University A!

Shocked, Xi Mushan gawked at the document in his hand. He could not help but tremble gently.

How could someone as wise as him not know the thought that Mu Yuchen had put into this?

Ever since the Xi family had fallen apart and after he had left office as the mayor of City Z, he was left with nothing. If he really wanted to rebuild a life with Shen Wenna as a nobody, it would not be right. Besides, Shen Wenna was the true heiress of Fuhua!

With this, it would not make Xi Mushan look too bad!

He had such meticulous thoughts. Even he could not help but admire and be moved by such a gesture. They were both men, but this son-in-law of his had quietly taken care of his honor. He never said much, and only proved himself through actions!

Where could he have found a son-in-law like him?

This was such a huge amount of money, and probably only his son-in-law had the drive to do so!

Shen Wenna seemed to be able to detect how moved he was, so she quickly pulled at his shirt sleeves and asked uneasily, "What is it?"

Xi Mushan sighed and closed his eyes. After relaxing for a while, he opened his eyes and said to Shen Wenna in a low and raspy voice, "Wenna, we owe the children too much. Ah Chen... He really put in a lot of thought!"

"What is it?" Shen Wenna could not see, so naturally, she did not know what could have touched Xi Mushan so much.

"Do you know what document is in this folder from Ah Chen?"

Shen Wenna stayed quiet and did not speak. She only turned slowly, waiting for Xi Mushan to speak.

Xi Mushan held Shen Wenna's hand emotionally as he spoke in a hoarse voice, "It's a transfer for 25% of the shares of University A. You and I are the beneficiaries, and there's another appointment letter to hire me as the vice principal."

When she heard this, Shen Wenna could not help but be stunned. She only gently nodded after a while. Xiaye, I just knew this child was lucky... Even I'm a little moved for no other reason but about the children's intentions."

Chapter 649. Lose (1)

City Z was a city that never snowed, yet, even so, the winter's cold breeze invaded in waves, and the entire city seemed oddly chilly, especially this early winter morning

The first rays of the morning sun shone down mildly, and after the street cleaner swept the roads, the vast ground was clean. There were only faint signs of the road having been tidied left behind. Many people were walking on the roads too.

She had been leaving early and returning late for quite a few days now. Xi Xiaye's days were quite full. Without Mu Yuchen around, her focus was put on Glory World. Lan Zilang would mostly report from Fuhua, letting her familiarize with work related to Fuhua.

On the stairway beside the South River bridge, Xi Xiaye wore a long and thick windbreaker. She even had a cap as she looked down at the construction happening below.

The vast plot of empty land in front had begun to be developed. In just a sweeping glance, you could see rows and rows of machines running while rows and rows of steel pillars laying the foundation pilfered the ground.

Xi Xiaye held a blueprint in her hand. She opened it to look at in detail. As she compared it to the construction site below, her expression was focused.

She closed the blueprint and looked down at the construction site as she said seriously, "We have to be strict with the quality. Once these sites begin to develop, we will only continue to build it upwards. I think we should invite bids for some of the projects. Get them to find out the bidders. We must work hard to ensure there are zero errors for this project."

The project manager nodded from the side. "Mmm, don't worry, Director Xi. I'll arrange things well."

The South River project was Glory World's mega project. Huge amounts of funds had been invested. In fact, it was related to the government's beneficiaries, that was the public, thus Xi Xiaye dared not treat things lightly at all. Almost every segment was personally examined to ensure there were no errors. Even if Vice President Zhang Lan was supervising it, the main person in charge of this project was still her, so she was still not assured as she carefully surveyed and verified everything again and again.

"The progress of the construction is going alright. We have to ensure quality. The length of time can be extended as needed since the time given by the government is quite sufficient. The time that we've estimated in our planning proposal is quite ample too, so everyone doesn't have to be too stressed about it. I'll personally take charge of procurement for this one. Later on, I'll get them to set up the

proposal to invite the bidders. These materials in the early stages were all personally produced by Chairman Mu from his trusted partners. I'll discuss the ones in the later stages with him again."

Xi Xiaye thought about it, then continued, "I remember the last time on that plot for the New Era Plaza when the merchants joined forces for the bid, quite a number of them were agents who won the bid and then sold it away after that. I don't quite like it when this happens. When you are creating the plan, you must be careful. Only let the capable ones compete, and don't let the non-capable ones in."

"Got it, Director Xi."

After that, Xi Xiaye relayed a few more important things to note, and then looked to the hazy warm sun hanging high up in the sky before she wrapped the windbreaker tighter around herself and turned to walk towards the stairs.

She stood in the wind for a long time, feeling cold all over now. It was just in time for noon when Xi Xiaye remembered that it had been quite a while since she had visited the Bamboo Teahouse, so she told Ji Zitong to drive her over.

At that moment, the Bamboo Teahouse was rather quiet inside. Xi Xiaye stepped in and asked for a pot of flower tea and some snacks. When she was finding a place to sit inside, she bumped into someone. It was someone who surprised her...

Han Yifeng?

Why was he here?

He was not too far away in front, in a quiet corner by the window!

Xi Xiaye's exquisite and fair face flashed with shock. Seeing him sit there quietly drink his tea, he looked extremely lonely and was engulfed by a gloomy aura.

Xi Xiaye was bewildered for quite a while. When she saw that he kept his head down and did not notice her, she thought about it and did not walk over in the end. Instead, she turned to sit on the other side where a screen separated them.

Manager Lim quickly brought the tea and snacks over. He even brought the teahouse's accounts book from the past few months. Nodding curtly, Xi Xiaye took them and then waved him away.

The melodious guzheng continued to flow inside the teahouse. In that instant, the entire space seemed even more tranquil than ever.

Xi Xiaye poured herself some tea and drank a sip as she began to casually flip through the accounts book. However, she had just flipped open one page when suddenly, she heard the sound of the beaded curtain in front swaying. Instinctively, Xi Xiaye subconsciously looked up.

Han Yifeng's tall and lean figure instantly greeted her sight.

Xi Xiaye was no longer surprised by his presence. She took one look at him before pointing to the seat across her. "Have a seat."

Then, she took an empty cup and poured some tea for him.

Han Yifeng did not reject her. He quietly sat down and took the tea she handed. Carefully pursing his lips, he stayed silent with his head lowered before looking up at her again. "I'm really surprised to bump into you."

"I heard Manager Lim say that you've been coming over for tea almost every day," spoke Xi Xiaye calmly as she closed the accounts book in her hand.

When he heard that, Han Yifeng's cold face suddenly flashed with a smile. There was no anger to be seen in his dim eyes. "I want to find a quiet place to sit. I suddenly remembered this place. Finishing a pot of tea makes me feel much calmer and relaxed."

“Perhaps I’ve drunk a lot, so I suddenly think that the taste of tea is even better than coffee. Then, I almost forgot that I’ve always liked tea, and now, I’ve unexpectedly fancied this taste.”

Han Yifeng’s expression was gentle. It was no different from before, but the air that came from him revealed bleak loneliness, making others find him distant.

Xi Xiaye did not answer him. She just poured him another cup when she saw his cup was empty.

After a while, Xi Xiaye lowered her gaze and looked into the cup in her hands as she said quietly, “It’s not good to drink too much coffee. I heard that those who truly know how to enjoy tea have a stiller heart than others.”

“Suddenly, I regret rejecting all those good tea you sent to me before,” Han Yifeng sighed as he said, his voice not revealing much.

“I’ve forgotten all about the past,” Xi Xiaye calmly responded. As she said that, she looked up, her cold and distant gaze meeting Han Yifeng’s gaze of mixed emotions.

Chapter 650. Lose (2)

“Grandfather’s gone and the Xi family no longer exists too, so all those grudges will soon pass.”

Now, many broken clips flashed in Xi Xiaye’s mind. There were happy ones and sad ones. In the end, she could only smile indifferently. “You shouldn’t remember them either. After these storms have passed, it’s not a bad thing to start a new life.

“I’m grateful for the ways you’ve protected me before. At least, before Xi Xinyi was stabbed by that knife, you’ve always been protective over me. So, you don’t have to feel guilty or uneasy. No matter what, we’ve worked hard before. We can only say that our fate was too shallow. You weren’t the one for me, and I’m not the princess you should be protecting.”

When he heard her speech, Han Yifeng’s expression became oddly dull. He forced a smile and then asked, “Do you hate me?”



Xi Xiaye shook her head very honestly. "I don't. I did resent you, but after that, I realized that there was nothing to hate. After all, as much as I hate you, you wouldn't be returning to my side. Hating someone is a very painful thing to do."

"Xiaye, I let you down..."

Han Yifeng sighed. "Maybe this is karma! These days, I've been thinking a lot too. The person that caused all of this was me. If I had kept believing you, and not indulged Xi Xinyi and be deceived by her, it wouldn't have turned out like this. I know that I have sinned gravely. I want to compensate you, yet I don't know what else I can do."

"You don't have to think about whether you've let me down because these things aren't important to me anymore. As long as you make yourself proud, that'll be enough. I don't understand huge life principles either. Humans live for today and for a clear conscience. That's just it, isn't it?"

Xi Xiaye held her tea up to drink a sip and she did not look into his gaze with mixed emotions anymore. "You are now someone's father, and I will soon be a mother. I hope that you can raise your child well and not let them be like us. The last generation's grudges shall end with us. Can you fulfill this one request of mine?"

Xi Xiaye's words struck Han Yifeng by surprise. He stared at her for a long while. Suddenly, he did not know what else he could say. After a long while, he took a deep breath and nodded. "I know. I'll pay more attention. Xiaye, you're a good woman. I'm very regretful and sad. There are things I've always wanted to say, but until now, I haven't been able to. I'm not afraid to tell you why I always come here. Actually, I was hoping to bump into you too to clarify things face to face with you."

"I know that I lost you completely from the moment I got into the car without turning back. However, I'm still lying to myself about you loving me so deeply. No matter what, you would still long for me, but actually, the moment I didn't turn back, you had already given up on me. You're the same as Auntie Shen. Once you set your mind to something, it's very hard for you to change," Han Yifeng sighed as he spoke, his tone filled with helpless sorrow.

When she kept quiet, Han Yifeng suddenly clenched his fists tightly and asked, "Can we still be friends?"

Xi Xiaye was stunned. She looked up at him and saw that there was a sliver of hope in his eyes. Finally, she nodded. "Of course, we can, but I hope that you can be a mutual friend to me and him."

Him...

Han Yifeng's eyes dimmed. Of course, he knew who the 'he' she was referring to.

"Mu Yuchen is so lucky," he lamented.

Xi Xiaye just shook her head. "No, it should be me that's lucky. I'm grateful that in the moments when I was completely disheartened, I met him. Then, I realized that the brilliance of my life began with him."

Han Yifeng suddenly felt his heart seize with an ache. He gasped for a bit before saying with much difficulty, "You and he are truly each other's memorable sunshine. I just overestimated myself. Xiaye, I wish that you and Mu Yuchen will love each other for life and be happy forever. Don't worry about all those past grievances. I'll do my best to make them stop with us. As for the grudges between the two of you, I'll stay out of it and not interfere. I just hope that in time, we can still be friends."

"You..." Xi Xiaye was a little surprised as she looked at Han Yifeng. She did not quite understand what he meant.

Nonetheless, Han Yifeng did not explain. He quietly set the cup aside and stood up unhurriedly.

"Okay, now that I've said all that to you, I feel much better. Xiaye, you're someone worth having. I'll remember you forever. Goodbye!"

Then, his tall and lofty figure walked through the draping beaded curtains. Soon, the clear sound of beads clashing was heard, drowning those heavy footsteps.

Han Yifeng thought to himself that on the long roads ahead, he would not have much heart to fall in love with anyone anymore. In this extended period of time, he had been turning round and round in this dream-like world of relationships and had already lost himself. Now that he thought about it, he really lost so badly just as she had said. He could not measure up to even the tip of that guy's finger.

Alas, now, what else could he do?

At least, he had to find the courage to respect himself first!

Han Yifeng sighed as he quietly averted his gaze from Bamboo Teahouse and finally got into his car. The car drove slowly away, carrying a longing that was hard to part with.

The car left Bamboo Teahouse and sped all the way. Secretary Wang, who sat in the front passenger seat, had been looking at Han Yifeng through the rearview mirror. When he saw that Han Yifeng closed his eyes to rest as soon as he got into the car, Secretary Wang dared not say much.

It was only when the car had driven out of the byway that Secretary Wang softly asked, "CEO Han, do we head straight back to the office now?"

As the sudden voice broke his reverie, Han Yifeng slowly opened his eyes and looked to the wide road ahead. He said softly, "Go back to the Han residence. Also, help me book three flight tickets to San Francisco for tonight. Be quick and keep it a secret."

Secretary Wang was stunned. He seemed to know what Han Yifeng wanted to do, so he quickly suggested, CEO Han, would it be better if we discussed this with the Elder and Madam first?"

"Don't interfere with my business. Just do as I say. Of course, you can make your own decision. Whether you want to come with me or go with them, you choose for yourself."

Han Yifeng's voice was extremely hostile. You could hear that it was the kind of cold that cut through to the bones.

"CEO Han, of course, I'll go with you. I'm just worried that..." Secretary Wang said a little hesitantly.