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Chapter 651. Lose (3)

Because Han Yifeng sounded cold and determined, Secretary Wang had no words to refute him. Han Yifeng then gave him a quick explanation.

“This is the only way I can escape temporarily. All my efforts recently were all for today. I want to live my own life, so I’ll leave the things over here to them. I’m really tired... That’s all.”

Secretary Wang was speechless, so he just nodded.

It took him about an hour drive back to the Han Residence.

Han Yu and Huang Ziyao just so happened to be out for meetings while Elder Han had gone to a friend’s house. He made sure they were out when he returned, so only the servants and his child were left in the huge Han Residence.

“Master, you’re back!”

The servants were happy to see Han Yifeng. It had been a long while since he had taken a step inside the Han Residence, thus they were glad.

Han Yifeng’s expression was cold and expressionless as usual. He nodded and glanced at the servant as he asked coldly, “Where’s Little Master?”

“Little Master just fell asleep. He’s inside the baby’s room,” the servant replied respectfully.

“You can get back your work now.”

Han Yifeng went upstairs as Secretary Wang followed behind him.

Han Yifeng soon found the baby's room. His son was sleeping soundly inside the baby cot, looking really cute.

He looked at the curled up baby, his strained expression softening slightly. He lowered his body and touched his son's cheek. After some consideration, he then said quietly, "Han Zhexuan, this is your name from now on. Xiao Xuan... You'll stay with me, your father, forever. I'll make sure to take care of you and give you a happy childhood, free from the darkness."

"CEO Han, we..." Secretary Wang spoke quietly.

"Pack up some stuff. Only bring the necessities. We have everything else over there. Hurry. Leave the divorce contract on her dressing table. It doesn't matter if she doesn't sign it. I can afford to wait!" Han Yifeng instructed coldly before picking up his son from the baby cot.

Secretary Wang nodded his head and started packing the baby's feeding bottle, several sets of clothes for changing, and some other necessities.

They worked swiftly and managed to finish within ten minutes.

Han Yifeng left a letter on the coffee table in the living room. He then walked out with his son in his arms.

"Master, where are you taking Little Master?"

He bumped into a servant when he went outside. The servant looked at him with an odd glance, yet Han Yifeng just shot her a cold stare before leaving without saying anything.

"Master is just bringing Little Master to an office trip. You can take a day off. Come to Master's villa tomorrow noon to take Little Master back!" Secretary Wang left this message before catching up.

Naturally, the servant did not question anything. "I got it. I'll pass the message!"

Just like that, Han Yifeng brought his son straight to the airport.

Having booked their flight tickets, their plane was about to take off when Han Yifeng arrived at the airport. His other personal female assistant delivered his briefcase while Secretary Wang went to collect their plane tickets as quickly as possible.

The few of them went through the VIP lane and entered the departure lounge.

Half an hour later, the plane flying from City Z to San Francisco took off. Aside from his two assistants, Han Yifeng brought his son as well.

He had been earnestly working this whole time. Knowing that only regret and pain remained here, he thought leaving would be the best choice. It would be a new start for himself. He slowly shifted the company's focus abroad and turned the Han Corporation's branch in San Francisco into their main headquarters while the one back in City Z would become a branch office instead.

He had stayed there for quite some time before, thus he knew his way around and it would not be that difficult to start a new life there. Most importantly, he could free himself from all the trouble over there. He just wanted to live with his son and not deal with them anymore.

He would raise his son there since it was part of his responsibility. His focus from now on would be work and his son. Above all, he wanted to find his own meaning of living.

As for Xi Xinyi, he knew that she would never give everything up and go to San Francisco with him. He had actually given her a subtle hint then. If she was willing to give up everything and go to him, he would have arranged a job for her in Han Corporation. Otherwise...

Han Yifeng left a letter for Han Yu and the others. The contents were short and simple, just informing them he would return to San Francisco with his son, and that if they wanted to see their grandchild, they could head over.

Han Yu felt his heart ache when he saw the words in the letter that showed how worn out his son was. He sighed and turned towards Huang Ziyao and said, "Yifeng returned to San Francisco. Maybe we gave him too much pressure. The child's name is called Han Zhexuan, and he brought him away..."

Huang Ziyao was shocked as Elder Han's expression darkened.

Before they could react, a nervous cry came from outside. "Father, Mother! Where's my son? Have you found him? Where's my son?"

Xi Xinyi was handling some matters at her office when she received a call from Huang Ziyao in the evening, saying that her son had gone missing. They asked the servants afterward and realized Han Yifeng had taken the child. They also found the letter he left on the coffee table.

"Yifeng took the child to San Francisco. He's already shifted Han Corporation's important resources over there. Look at what you all have done! With Yifeng's personality, that's why I disagreed... I don't care anymore!"

Han Yu glared at Xi Xinyi unhappily as his expression turned grim.

Xi Xinyi's face turned pale. Strength was sapped out of her body as she slumped onto the sofa and mumbled, "Impossible... Yifeng took the child away... It's impossible..."

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The truth was right before her eyes. There was no other way but to accept it.

Han Yifeng had left the divorce papers on her dressing table and another small note telling her to sign it.

Xi Xinyi was stunned when she saw the divorce papers!

She could not just get divorced like this! She could not just let him take her son away and leave her alone here.

Their promise?

What promise?

Just when Huang Ziyao and the others were accepting her? Why could Han Yifeng not see any of her efforts lately? She was trying really hard to turn things around. In the end, he merely kicked her away coldly, and even took her son away from her!

How could he!?

What was the point of her suffering in silence and persisting all this while?

“Ah! Ah! Ahhh!” Anger filled Xi Xinyi’s eyes as she screamed hysterically and tore the divorce papers into pieces!

“How dare you, Han Yifeng!? Don’t even think about abandoning me! One day, I’ll make sure that you regret all of this and come back to me on your own! Do you think I don’t know that you’ve been visiting her tea shop every day? I will rise above her! I will make you witness that witch’s pathetic ending! I’ll give her a pain a thousand times worse than what I’m feeling right now! The worse you treat me, the more I hate that witch! All of you betrayed me! All of you!”

Xi Xinyi clenched her teeth. She then thrashed the stuff inside her room like a maniac. In a short while, the whole place became a mess.

Xi Xiaye had no idea what was happening at the Han residence.

The sky turned dark. By the window on the 58th floor of the building, one could view the whole of City Z. Night lights were everywhere, and it was a beautiful scenery to enjoy.

As Xi Xiaye was still going through some documents, there was a knock on the door. She grunted without even raising her head and someone entered.

Her assistant, Xiao Mei, came in with a big bouquet of beautiful yellow roses.

“Director Xi, someone sent you flowers. I accepted them for you!” Xiao Mei came beside the table and spoke quietly as if she was worried that she might be bothering Xi Xiaye’s work.

“Just leave it there.” Xi Xiaye flipped a page and continued reading, not seeming very interested.

“Alright.”

Xiao Mei put the flowers on the corner of the table. As she was about to leave, she heard Xi Xiaye’s voice again.

“Who sent this?”

Xiao Mei was shocked. When she looked over, she noticed Xi Xiaye staring at the bouquet of flowers oddly.

Xiao Mei turned around and bowed slightly as she replied, “I heard from the delivery boy that it’s from a Mr. Han. Oh, there’s also a card among the flowers.”

Xi Xiaye nodded. “Mmm, it’s pretty late now. Time for you to go back. Rest well during the weekend since we’re going to be busy soon. Tell Ms. Ji to prepare the car. I’m leaving soon as well.”

“Yes, Director Xi!” Xiao Mei then left quietly.

Xi Xiaye picked up the flowers. As expected, she saw a card inside. She grabbed the card and opened it. Immediately, familiar handwriting came into sight.

“I’m sorry, Xiaye. Thank you for your generosity and forgiveness. I’m leaving, and I’ll always support you. I wish you happiness forever.”

— Han Yifeng

Xi Xiaye was a little taken aback by his words. She looked lost when she saw the writing on the card and her heart wavered slightly. She took a deep breath before turning her chair around and peering out at the night lights down below. The bright lights filled up her eyes, drowning that faint sense of sorrow out.

After looking out for some time, she looked at the card in her hands again and glanced at the beautiful bouquet of yellow roses. She suddenly remembered something she heard from long ago that fitted this scenario.

You came from afar. I'm going far away. The long journey passed here. The sky had nothing...

How many things would be lost forever once missed?

However, without this relationship, another one would come just like Mu Yuchen and her.

"I don't hate you... because I know you're trying. It's great that you finally understand. You saved yourself, and I was trying to save myself too. I wish you happiness forever as well, Han Yifeng."

She smiled before lowering her body and opening a drawer to take a lighter out. She lit the card on fire and tossed it into the dustbin as it almost burned into ashes.

"I thought you wouldn't accept this flower, Director Xi."

Ji Zitong's voice reached her as the card completely burned into ashes. Xi Xiaye turned over and gave her a smile. "Why not?"

Ji Zitong was a straightforward person, so she just responded directly, "I heard about what happened between Director Xi and CEO Han, so..."

Xi Xiaye nodded. She turned her chair again and looked downwards at the lights. "What else can I do? If I can't get over the struggle inside me, or even wanted revenge, what would make me different from Xi Xinyi? At least, he protected me for several years. I'll just take it as a draw then. I heard of a saying popular on the street: 'you'll eventually pay back for what you've done'."

Ji Zitong was stunned for a moment. A while later, she replied, "True. Some stubbornness is the root of all evil."

“Well, I wanted to set a good example for the little fella inside me as well.”

Xi Xiaye touched her belly as her voice was gentle. “Baby, Mother is being generous, but that’s not enough on its own. You need to have your father’s wisdom... Your mother doesn’t have this. Ask your father to teach you when he comes back.”

Ji Zitong chuckled. “Director Xi, I’m not sure if the little princess can hear you.”

Xi Xiaye smiled back at her. “Alright, it’s time to go. Come over to Maple Residence for dinner. Sis Wang should have it prepared already.”

Chapter 653. Car Accident (1)

Wang Hui’s birthday passed some time ago. The infighting within Qi Kai was getting fiercer every day while the conflict between Qi Qiming and Wang Hui was getting worse.

Qi Qiming wanted to remove Qi Lei from the South River Project, yet Xi Xiaye’s act stopped that idea. Qi Lei still managed to keep being the person in charge as of now.

Gu Lingsha’s sudden appearance on the banquet strained Qi Lei’s relationship with Wang Qin again.

Inside the office of the Vice President of Qi Kai Corporation.

Wang Qin folded her arms as she studied the data on her laptop screen. Suddenly, there was a knock on the door.

“Come in!”

The secretary came in through the door and bowed respectfully. She then spoke gently, “Vice President Wang, Master Qi is right outside. Should I let him in?”

“Let him in.” Wang Qin waved her hand.

The secretary left swiftly. A minute later, she heard the sound of the door closing.

Qi Lei rarely visited Wang Qin's office because he was not particularly fond of his mother. To him, she was cold, cruel, headstrong, and ignorant. These were Qi Lei's impressions of his mother.

"What's the matter?" Qi Lei had his hands in his pocket as he sat down on the sofa and poured himself a glass of water. His tone sounded carefree.

"Where have you been in the past few days? It was so difficult to change the way they look at you, and you suddenly went missing for several days. Don't you know how to apply for leave? Xiao Lei, just what should I do with you?" Wang Qin was getting angry as she heard Qi Lei's nonchalance. Her eyes were glaring at him as she frowned.

"Applying for leave is just to let you know, isn't it? Wouldn't it be enough if you just told them that I'm on leave?" Qi Lei grinned, obviously not really caring.

"Have you been with that woman these few days?" Wang Qin's expression darkened. She wondered if Gu Lingsha had actually cursed him. Why else would he go so far for her?

Qi Lei did not reply. His expression turned cold as his eyes darkened.

"Xiao Lei, Gu Lingsha sides with Qi Qiming. Have you forgotten how she treated you before? She doesn't care about you at all, so why are you wasting your effort on a shameless woman like her?" Wang Qin glared at Qi Lei. "You've really disappointed me! Why can't you appreciate the current situation I've created through so much hard work? Do you think Gu Lingsha will be touched just because you sacrifice yourself? Don't be silly! I don't want you to waste your time and get nothing in return! Xiao Lei, when will you listen to me?"

"You're still as self-absorbed as ever. Everything you say is right while whatever I do is wrong! Why should I listen to you? A Master in Business and Administration? Why should I sacrifice myself to meet his expectations? Why do you always compare Qi Feng to me? I don't understand why you want me to be better than him! I told you I hated administration and I don't care about Qi Kai. I don't blame you for not understanding since I can't really decide on anything anyway!"

Qi Lei grinned apathetically as he stared straight at Wang Qin. His voice sounded impatient. Evidently, he was tired of her!

“You’re starting to relax now, but have you considered me, Xiao Lei? I’m your mother and you’re my only son. What happened after I married Qi Qiming for over 30 years? How did he treat me all these years? You know it very well! I don’t want to see you following my footsteps. I don’t want you to lower yourself before Qi Qiming and Qi Feng! Qi Feng is just a shameful illegitimate child. That’s a fact. If he comes back and takes over Qi Kai, do you think we’d be able to live peacefully?”

Wang Qin took a deep breath as she tried her best to suppress her anger. “You see, like before, Qi Qiming still didn’t give me any room for a breather. Our condition stabilized slightly with Glory World’s Director Xi’s appearance, but he took Gu Lingsha on his side immediately. You’re not a fool. I’m sure you know what he’s trying to do.”

“You’re overthinking. Shasha didn’t do anything. I never mix my personal emotions with work. I know very well what to do.”

Wang Qin’s words made Qi Lei uncomfortable. A cold light flashed in his dark eyes as his expression turned complicated.

“I’ve told you this five years ago. I don’t like Gu Lingsha. Yes, she’s pretty and very capable, but you have to know problems always come from people who are seemingly perfect! Moreover, she’s inclined towards Qi Feng. Going near her won’t do you any good at all! Xiao Lei, as a man you should view the problem more objectively. I always thought my son wasn’t such a shallow person!”

Qi Lei’s smile turned sarcastic. “Really? I hate to disappoint you, but I am that shallow! What’s wrong with liking pretty girls? Shasha knows me well. At least, I feel happy being with her. You always think that I’m not as good as Qi Feng, don’t you? Wouldn’t it prove that I’m better if I can take her for myself?”

“Xiao Lei!”

Wang Qin felt a sudden headache coming on. She touched her forehead as her face turned pale and heaved deep breaths. “You don’t have to tell me these just to trigger me! You know very well that Qi Feng must be alive as well if she’s alive. He’s probably hiding now. We still don’t know what he’s

planning! I hope you can stay alert and not lose your senses for just one woman! Gu Lingsha's appearance at this key timing must mean something!"

"You're biased against her as usual," Qi Lei spoke in a mocking tone.

"You'll find out if I'm biased or I'm telling the truth very soon! Who do you think I've been working hard for?" Wang Qin shot Qi Lei a determined look. "I don't want to see you become like me. I want you to be able to take control of your own life and be free!"

Chapter 654. Car Accident (2)

Wang Qin's words stumped Qi Lei.

She slowly closed her eyes, inhaling a deep breath and relaxing.

"You think for yourself. Even though my words aren't nice to hear, they won't hurt you. Based on what I know about Qi Qiming, he'll probably arrange for Gu Lingsha to work in Qi Kai. I called you over just to alert you. Don't let them blur your vision. Okay, get out!"

When Wang Qin finished, she turned around in her chair. She did not want to see the mocking sneer on Qi Lei's face anymore. His expression would only make her extremely sad and even heartbroken.

It seemed as if Wang Qin lived to worry!

Qi Lei did not respond. He downed the water in his glass, set it aside, and then looked up with mixed emotions at Wang Qin who had turned away and was holding her head. After a while, he did not say anything and took huge strides to leave the office.

When he walked out of the office, he actually felt very annoyed.

The few days after the banquet, he had not gone to work. Actually, he had not been with Gu Lingsha. Instead, he had stayed in his villa being busy on the Fuhua project.

He had gotten those insights from Mu Yuchen, and some of Shen Yue's fancy. If he did not spend some effort getting it, would Mu Yuchen not look down on him? Especially Xi Xiaye who said that he was nothing compared to Mu Yuchen, she had really underestimated him!

Even though he admitted that he personally did admire Mu Yuchen, if he really was going to be compared to him, he would more or less be unhappy about it.

As for Gu Lingsha, after the banquet, she ditched him. He had looked all around for her too, but she clearly did not want to see him. Just like how she was back then, only when things were getting bad with Qi Feng would he have the chance to console her.

He did not know if his so-called feelings for Gu Lingsha were the profound kind. He just felt like at least, she understood him. All these years, the reason he could hold onto his dreams was mostly because of her continuous support. Perhaps this was considered emotional reliance.

"Master Qi!"

Qi Lei had just walked into his own office when his assistant, Yang Sheng, suddenly came up to him.

"What is it?" Qi lei sunk in his seat and responded in a lowered voice.

"I've found the hotel that Miss Gu is staying at! She's at Glory World's Imperial Sky Hotel!" Yang Sheng's voice came.

"Imperial Sky Hotel?" When Qi Lei heard that, he frowned and his eyes dimmed too.

"Yes, Master Qi! She's at Glory World's Imperial Sky Hotel. She booked it in advance. Master Qi, you wanted her to stay in the Qi residence, but she was worried about causing trouble, so she decided to just book herself into Imperial Sky Hotel," Yang Sheng explained softly.

Qi Lei fell quiet for a while and then leaned back against his chair. He thought about it for a long while before saying softly, "That means Mu Yuchen probably knew about Shasha's return for a while now."

“Yes, of course, Master Qi. You forgot that at the banquet, Chairman Mu’s personal bodyguard was there too,” Yang Sheng reminded.

As the memory from the banquet flashed in his mind, he recalled that day when he went to get the information from Maple Residence, Xi Xiaye...

Qi Lei sighed as he propped his head on one hand and closed his eyes. He suddenly remembered Gu Lingsha’s arm that was riddled with scars. He struggled for a while before taking a deep breath and opening his eyes. Then, he took his phone and made a call.

When the phone rang, Mu Yuchen was sitting before a wide and clean dining table, elegantly enjoying his breakfast.

Li Si took the phone over and softly mentioned, “Master, it’s a call from Master Qi of Qi Kai. Do you want to accept it?”

Mu Yuchen looked up slowly. His profound eyes flashed with interest while he took the fruit juice from the side for two sips. Then, he took the napkin to wipe his mouth before reaching a hand out to Li Si who knowingly handed the phone to him.

“You were one step slower than I predicted.” His deep voice was unperturbed as he was calm and steady.

When Qi Lei heard him from the other end, he could not help but curl up his lips as he sneered. “You already knew that Shasha would come to City Z and stay at your Imperial Sky Hotel?”

“What do you think? I know what you want to ask about. Gu Lingsha’s not enough for me to spend so much thought on. She decided on booking the hotel herself. I also don’t understand her actions, but I don’t mind telling you that she made a booking to stay at the Imperial Sky Hotel for two months,” Mu Yuchen responded with an indifferent expression.

“Two months? But her forum runs for just a week. She seemed to be busy with something recently, but she shouldn’t even need two months,” Qi Lei squinted as he said softly.

Mu Yuchen smiled calmly and took the glass Li Si brought him. Taking a swig, he then said, "You'll have to ask her this yourself. If you're lucky, you could even spend time with her day and night."

"What do you mean?" Qi Lei asked coldly.

"I don't think I need to explain this to someone with your IQ, do I?"

"What do you want me to do? You gave me such a huge slice of cake for no reason without any goals. It doesn't seem quite like you, Mu Yuchen!" Qi Lei never liked owing other people, especially Mu Yuchen.

When he heard this, Mu Yuchen set aside the glass in hand and said calmly, "Don't speak as if you know me very well, but since you're so sincere, I won't reject you."

"Just say it!" Qi Lei scoffed in disdain.

"I want to know the truth from years ago." Mu Yuchen was rather straightforward.

"Shasha said she has selective memory loss, so she didn't remember those things when she woke up. In that car accident, she was hurt quite badly too."

"She told you that?"

"Yes, I saw those scars on her hand myself. They don't look any less severe than Mu Lingshi's."

The smile on Mu Yuchen's face faded and his eyes dimmed. "Don't compare her to Lingshi. If she can't remember, then forget it. Good luck," he said before hanging up on the call gloomily.

"Master, Gu Lingsha is clearly lying. How could she forget, especially this of all things? Who would believe her?"

Mu Yuchen lifted a hand to massage the space between his brows. He fell silent for a long while before Li Si spoke up, "Master, say, is Gu Lingsha back for revenge this time? I don't quite understand Qi Qiming's move." Li Si's face was dense with doubts.

Mu Yuchen did not answer. Instead, he slowly got up and walked coolly toward the staircase.

Chapter 655. Car Accident (3)

On Qi Kai's end, when Qi Lei heard the busy signal of the telephone, he frowned and tossed his phone onto the table.

"Yang Sheng, get me a bouquet of violets."

"Got it, Master Qi!"

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After a while, when Qi Lei left Qi Kai, Yang Sheng had already prepared the bouquet and was waiting by the car.

As Qi Lei took over the bouquet, he commanded and got into the car, "Go to the Imperial Sky Hotel."

Yang Sheng's expression froze. He hesitated momentarily before snapping back to his senses. He did not dare to say much as he quickly got into the car too.

The car sped all the way. When it rushed to the Imperial Sky Hotel, the sky had already darkened.

It was entering the winter season, so the day was short. It was only slightly over 6 p.m., but the sky had already turned dark, and the entire City Z was covered in glorious lights.

In front of a certain VIP Suite in the Imperial Sky Hotel, Qi Lei had knocked for quite long, yet no one came to get the door.

“Shasha, open up. I know you’re inside!” Qi Lei frowned and shouted, “Shasha!”

He waited for a long time, yet the door was still locked. Qi Lei’s expression turned incredibly stormy.

At this moment, inside the suite, Gu Lingsha was lying on the sofa with both her eyes shut. She looked pale, and in the midst of her daze, she could hear the door being hammered on outside. She thought she was hallucinating. After a while, she struggled to get up and walked to the door.

Just as Qi Lei turned around gloomily, he suddenly heard the door creaking open behind him. He subconsciously turned around immediately and saw Gu Lingsha falling toward him. Shocked, he quickly took a step forward to hold her in his arms.

“Shasha? Are you okay?”

When he held her in his arms, he realized that her temperature was terrifyingly high!

“You’re burning! Shasha, have you gotten a fever?”

Qi Lei’s handsome brows immediately frowned into a knot. He looked worriedly at her and realized that she was extremely pale. While she looked very weak, at this moment, she trembled and curled up in Qi Lei’s arms.

“Shasha, don’t worry. We’ll go to the hospital right away! Let’s go to the hospital!”

As Qi Lei said this, he carried Gu Lingsha anxiously. The bouquet in his hand had long been tossed to the side.

“Don’t... I don’t want to go to the hospital. Let me go. I’m fine!” Gu Lingsha struggled and insisted weakly.

“Don’t worry. You’ll be fine with one injection. Don’t be afraid, Shasha!”

Qi Lei wanted to hug Gu Lingsha tightly, yet she struggled hard. Her dazed eyes flew open and she fixed them on Qi Lei. "I already said I don't want to go to the hospital. Don't bother about me. I want to be alone. Can I do that?" she cried out in a hoarse voice, and then took a deep breath. Refusing to look at Qi Lei anymore, she dragged her fatigued self towards the elevator.

Qi Lei stood stunned for a long time as he watched the figure that had already vanished into the elevator. Eventually, he finally regained his senses. Without a care, he quickly chased after her.

Yang Sheng's expression darkened. After he thought about it, he only sighed to himself, locked the door, and quickly followed closely after him.

Gu Lingsha moved very swiftly. She took the elevator straight to the car park on the lower ground floor, so when Qi Lei arrived, she was gone.

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It was early in the evening outside, and the dazzling lights were confusing to her eyes as Gu Lingsha drove her Maserati quickly out the car park and raced towards the busy city center.

At the same time, on the other end of the wide road toward Imperial Sky Entertainment City, Ruan Heng was driving in a practiced manner.

When Su Nan said she wanted to find vintage vibes to trigger her design inspiration, Mu Lingshi offered her old CDs, and they were coincidentally songs that Su Nan liked, so the girls planned when she could get them.

Su Nan was obviously happy to hear that, so she told Ruan Heng to go over to get it after work.

Ruan Heng had just finished work when he received his wife, Su Nan's instructions, so he drove over.

When he thought about Su Nan and their cute daughter at home, Ruan Heng's heart was filled with warmth, and a smile brimmed on his face.

Coincidentally, he was promoted today. The boss had promoted him to be Vice President. When he went back to tell Su Nan this news, she would definitely be very delighted. She had previously been complaining that he had not been making progress for a long while now!

However, it seemed as if fate always like to take a turning point at such a time!

When he was at the roundabout, Ruan Heng only saw a glimpse of a dazzling white light flash before him. The red light in front of him lit up, and he reflexively stepped on the brake, but...

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When the Audi crashed into the Maserati, Su Nan was at home preparing dinner, and their daughter little Chenxi had already fallen asleep. She knew that Ruan Heng would be home slightly later today, so she prepared dinner, which was a rare occasion.

Since she was pregnant with their daughter, Ruan Heng had been carefully taking care of her. Even though she had slowly been recovering, he still did not let her into the kitchen because he was worried that if she did not rest well, she would fall ill or something.

“Nannan, your phone is ringing!”

When Su Nan dished the vegetables onto a plate from the pot, Mother Ruan handed her phone to her.

Su Nan instantly took it and answered the call.

“Hello, Su Nan? It’s Lingshi. Come to the hospital quickly. Ruan Heng got into an accident. Hospital T! Hurry!”

The call had just gotten through when Mu Lingshi’s breathless voice came from the other end, sounding very anxious. Su Nan could hear the panicked patter of footsteps from the other end!

Stunned, she asked in a daze, “What did you say? Ruan Heng got into an accident?”

“Yes, time’s of the essence. I can’t explain too much right now. Come over quickly first!” Mu Lingshi said and then hung up.

Bam!

Su Nan turned limp as the plate in her hand fell to the ground. The vegetables that she had just fried and the ceramic pieces shattered all over the ground.

“Ruan Heng! Ruan Heng!”

Her eyes widened, and she trembled distractedly. After a while, she reacted in panic and rushed out of the kitchen at a loss. Her mind was blank, and she did not have time to think about much.

“Nannan, what’s wrong?” When Mother Ruan saw Su Nan’s pale expression, she became worried and was frightened too.

“Mother, watch Chenxi first. I have to go out for a bit! I’ll be back very quickly!”

She tried hard to suppress the fear inside as she could only say this before she rushed out frantically and towards Hospital T.

Chapter 656. Scheming (1)

Su Nan did not even know how she made it to Hospital T. When she saw Mu Lingshi covered in blood while waiting outside the operating theatre, she felt so suffocated that she almost fainted.

“Su Nan!”

When she saw Su Nan go limp, Mu Lingshi quickly helped to hold her up and held her to sit on a chair on the side. Upon seeing her being covered in the coppery stench of blood, Su Nan felt her stomach turn.

Su Nan’s eyes started to turn red as she held back the tears that welled up in her eyes. She gripped Mu Lingshi’s arms tightly and asked anxiously, “How... How’s Ruan Heng? How is he now?”

Mu Lingshi's expression was solemn. She turned to look at the doors to the operating theatre that were tightly shut. After a while, she turned to console her, "Don't worry first. He'll be fine. We have to trust the doctors. He'll be fine, so don't worry."

Actually, Mu Lingshi was quite afraid and could not hide the slight tremble in her voice. Earlier, Ruan Heng was covered in blood when he was sent there, and even her hands were stained crimson. She almost fainted from that strong stench as the nightmare from five years ago roared into her mind. A similar scene was clearly creeping into her mind again.

The car accident had happened not too far away from the Imperial Sky Entertainment Club. Before that, Ruan Heng had called her to send the CD to the door, but unexpectedly...

When Xi Xiaye received this news, she was in a discussion on closing a deal with a partner company with Ah Mo.

Inside the luxurious private room, the food and drinks were ordered. When Xi Xiaye was about to make a toast to the other party with water in place of alcohol, Ah Mo walked over with a solemn expression and whispered into her ear, and she immediately turned pale.

Without a care, she picked her handbag up and left the room.

The Phaeton rushed all the way and when she reached Hospital T, it was already an hour later.

The light of the operating theatre was still switched on. From afar, she could see Su Nan with her hands in her face as she bent over and her frail shoulders trembled slightly. Mu Lingshi had already taken her coat off and put it over her shoulders.

Su Nan came out in a rush, wearing only a wool sweater and seeming rather weak. Xi Xiaye felt her heart ache at this sight as she quickly walked over.

"Nannan!"

When she heard Xi Xiaye's voice come from in front of her, Su Nan looked up. The tears that had been pooling in her reddened eyes for a long time immediately fell in worry and fear at the sight of Xi Xiaye. Soon, the floor was wet with tears.

Heartbroken, Xi Xiaye quickly went up and hugged Su Nan around her shoulders.

"Xiaye... I'm so afraid. I'm really afraid... Even Lingshi was covered in blood. Ruan Heng... Will he be okay? Will he? Our daughter is still so young. If something happens to him, what do I do? What do I do..."

"It's fine, it'll be fine, Nannan...Heaven helps the good people like Ruan Heng, he will be fine...no matter what, I will be right by your side..."

Xi Xiaye took a deep breath and pushed back the hot tears that welled up in her eyes as she hugged Su Nan's cold body tightly. She only knew right now that no matter how strong she usually was, at such a time, she would be weak too.

When she heard Xi Xiaye, Su Nan cried out instead, "Xiaye... Xiaye..."

Su Nan clutched Xi Xiaye's arms tightly as she shifted closer. It felt like she was holding onto the last straw as if her world was ending.

Xi Xiaye consoled her quietly as she gazed at the tightly shut doors of the operating theatre, and then down at Su Nan who was wan and sallow from worry. Feeling like she did know what she could do right now, she felt her heart throb even more. She could only hug her tightly, wanting to give her cold body a hint of warmth.

Ah Mo slowly came to Mu Lingshi's side and considerately took his windbreaker off to put it over her. Upon seeing the worry and sorrow that gathered between her brows, he softly sympathized, "Don't worry. He'll be fine."

Mu Lingshi then softly said through her sobs, "I'm really afraid that he'll turn out like Lingtian... This misfortune won't happen to us again, will it?"

In a raspy voice, when she recalled the horrible accident that happened to Mu Lingtian years ago, trauma still lingered!

“No, it won’t. Don’t panic.” Ah Mo obviously did not know how to console her either. He could only sit down and hold her by the shoulders before pulling her into his embrace.

After Xi Xiaye eased for a while, she suppressed the pain and worry before turning to Mu Lingshi. “Ah Shi, what happened? How did this accident happen?”

With a pale face, Mu Lingshi said with self-blame and bitterness, “This is all my fault. I had some classics CDs with me that I wanted to pass to Su Nan, but because I’ve been busy, I couldn’t, so I let Su Nan come get it... Who would’ve thought this would happen?”

“This is not your fault, Lingshi. I told Ruan Heng to go get it. It was all my fault... I don’t know why recently why...”

“Okay, Ah Shi, Su Nan, now’s not the time to beat yourselves up. We have to clarify some things.” Xi Xiaye could still maintain a clear head. Apart from waiting anxiously, there were obviously other matters to sort out.

“Ruan Heng’s car crashed into a Maserati. Do you guys know who the owner of the Maserati is?” Mu Lingshi slowly pushed the storm of emotions in her heart down and spoke in a raspy voice. She slowly looked up to Xi Xiaye and Ah Mo, ridicule crossing her face.

When Xi Xiaye and Ah Mo heard that question, they exchanged a look before looking back in doubt at Mu Lingshi, waiting for her to continue.

“It’s Gu Lingsha. She was sent here with Ruan Heng. When I rushed over, Ruan Heng was already covered in blood. I’m not quite sure what’s the situation on her end. Based on the scene, it looked a little...”

When Mu Lingshi said this, she did not continue and subconsciously looked at the tearful Su Nan.

Xi Xiaye's chest suddenly tightened as her expression turned solemn.

Gu Lingsha!

It was that woman!

The other day, she had even met her once and knew she was a powerful character. She wondered how she was.

She sighed and then glanced at Ah Mo. "Ah Mo, I'm afraid I'll have to trouble you for this."

Ah Mo got up and nodded, saying heavily, "Missus, don't worry. When I arrived, I already delegated for someone to find out about what happened at the scene. We'll see what the police say."

Chapter 657. Scheming (2)

The cold wind crept in through the small window gap, making the blue curtains sway.

The surrounding temperature was getting lower. With the sound of the wind blowing from outside, the corridor seemed even quieter and suffocating.

Su Nan was getting tired after all that crying. She left some wet spots on Xi Xiaye's shirt with her tears, and her voice turned hoarse as well.

Mu Lingshi grabbed Ah Mo's arm as her eyes were transfixed on the doors of the operating theatre. In return, he held her hand tightly.

It was as if several centuries had passed. Su Nan was on the verge of breaking down when the light on top of the operating theatre was switched off. People came streaming out of the room and the group quickly rushed forward.

Su Nan leaped forward and looked at the bed frantically as she asked in her hoarse voice, "How is it? How's my husband? How is he?"

Xi Xiaye and Ah Mo were watching the doctor nervously as well.

The doctor stopped before them and slowly removed his mask. He looked at them with a grim expression. After a while, he said, "The situation is bad. The patient suffered multiple fractures. Whether he can survive this or not depends entirely on him. Even if he can get through this, he might not have any senses anymore, which means he'll stay in a vegetative state. I recommend you to be mentally prepared."

That was a heavy message for them to take in.

Su Nan's face turned pale. In the next moment, she fainted.

"Nannan!"

"Su Nan!"

Xi Xiaye and Mu Lingshi freaked out. Fortunately, Ah Mo was quick enough to grab Su Nan's arms before she fell down.

Since Su Nan had lost consciousness, the doctor took a look at her as well.

"She passed out due to overwhelming sorrow," announced the doctor as he looked at Xi Xiaye and the others. "You all need to be mentally prepared. Going through something like this, she might..."

Xi Xiaye left Su Nan to Ah Mo. Her face was extremely pale while she tried her best to suppress the pain in her heart. She then took a deep breath and asked the doctor, "Is there no other way? As long as it can help, we'll do anything! He just became a father recently... He has a cute daughter, and he still has parents to take care of... Doctor, please do something to wake him up, please!"

The doctor nodded. "Don't worry. I'll do my best. Now, it depends on his own will. Waking up after sustaining such a heavy injury is difficult, especially when there's heavy damage to his head. However, it's not impossible. There are many cases like this where the patients regained consciousness, so you guys need to be mentally prepared and be positive. This can affect the patient as well."

Xi Xiaye nodded.

“Send the patient back to the intensive care unit room now. The upcoming 32 hours will be critical.” The doctor then signaled the nurse to send Ruan Heng away.

Because Su Nan was unconscious, Xi Xiaye asked Ah Mo to bring her to rest in the ward while Ruan Heng was sent into the intensive care unit room.

Outside the corridor, Xi Xiaye was looking at Ruan Heng’s lifeless body through the window. Her heart was strained as she turned to look at Su Nan who had fallen comatose on the big sofa beside her.

After some time, she sighed and turned towards Ah Mo and Lingshi. “Ah Mo, I’ll leave the investigations up to you. Lingshi, you haven’t taken any breaks for several days. Get some rest at home. I’ll stay here with Nannan. Tell Zitong to come to the hospital tomorrow. I’ll give Ruan Heng’s mother a call later.”

“No, I should stay here. You should go back and rest. It’s 4 a.m. in the morning. Think about this child in your womb. You look exhausted. Brother definitely won’t let us get away with it if he found out we haven’t been taking good care of you! I’m young and energetic, so it’s fine,” Mu Lingshi rejected Xi Xiaye’s idea instantly.

Xi Xiaye shook her head stubbornly. “I’m fine, I’ll wait until the morning and see how Ruan Heng is doing. No matter what, I should be here for Su Nan. Ah Mo, delay the meeting for tomorrow. Contact the doctors from Hospital T and see if they can come up with the best recovery plan for Ruan Heng.”

Ah Mo nodded. “Yes, leave it to me, Missus.”

Xi Xiaye did not say anything more. She closed her eyes and sat down beside Su Nan.

Ah Mo traded glances with Mu Lingshi. They nodded at each other before he instructed two bodyguards to come up. Then, he then with Mu Lingshi.

Half an hour later, Mu Lingshi came back with two thick, clean blankets while the bodyguard behind her had some food boxes with him.

“Sis-in-law, put these on. It’s still pretty cold in here even with the air-conditioning turned off. You must be hungry now. Eat something. The little baby inside you might complain soon.”

Mu Lingshi took Su Nan’s bloody coat off and put a blanket over her. She then prepared a bowl of porridge for Xi Xiaye, Xi Xiaye took it, but she was still staring at Ruan Heng on the bed.

“Don’t worry too much. I’m sure Ruan Heng will be blessed and he’ll be fine. Stay strong for Su Nan’s sake. Didn’t the doctor say that there’s hope? If he can hold on for the upcoming 32 hours, he has a solid chance at regaining consciousness.”

Mu Lingshi was not very good at comforting, but her expression clouded over when she looked at Ruan Heng.

“Mmm, I believe it too. I’ll call Su Nan’s mother in the morning. Su Nan must be exhausted.” Xi Xiaye was worried.

Mu Lingshi’s eyes turned broody as she turned her head towards Su Nan.

Chapter 658. Scheming (3)

Dawn arrived slowly amidst the fog of the morning, and the breeze made a lot of leaves fall throughout the night.

In a ward in Hospital T.

When Gu Lingsha regained consciousness, she opened her eyes slowly and saw the white ceiling. She struggled to turn her head sideways and took a look around. As she was trying to get up, a staggering pain hit her in the head.

“Ms. Gu! You’re awake! How are you feeling?”

As Gu Lingsha was struggling to get up, a voice called out to her. Gu Lingsha endured the terrible headache and turned her head to see Yang Sheng's smile. She instantly frowned and was trying to sit up with the help of her arms.

Yang Sheng went up to give her a hand.

Gu Lingsha's face was as pale as a sheet, and there were some bruises on her forehead. She looked terribly weak right now with bandages all over her.

"What happened? Why am I here?" Gu Lingsha took a deep breath as she felt the harsh agony in her head.

Yang Sheng put a pillow behind her before saying, "Ms. Gu, you finally woke up! You had an accident. Don't you remember? Master Qi and I didn't see you anywhere when we tried to catch up with you. On the road, we heard there was an accident between an Audi and a Maserati. Master Qi panicked and ran over on foot to see that it really was you! He then quickly sent you to the hospital!"

Gu Lingsha's eyes darkened when she heard Yang Sheng's explanation, but they returned to normal after a while. Her memories from yesterday started flooding back to her.

She could faintly remember driving pretty fast. When she turned her steering wheel, another car zoomed past the red light. It was pretty dark, but she recalled seeing the cars from behind start to close in when she slowed down. She then crashed into the Audi coming from in front, but she could not remember anything afterward.

"Where's Lei?" Gu Lingsha asked moments later. Her blue eyes were sparkling when she looked at Yang Sheng who was slightly caught off guard.

"Master Qi went to ask the doctor about your condition. A policeman dropped by just now and Master Qi is dealing with them. He's stayed with you since last night. Fortunately, your injuries aren't too bad. You only suffered a slight concussion. The Audi driver turned away at the very last second and crashed into the railings, and your car just barely scratched the Audi. Otherwise, it would've been a disaster! You're really lucky despite the misfortune!"

Yang Shen had taken a look at the scene personally. Plus, the policeman also mentioned it just now.

If the Audi had not swerved away, the two of them would have suffered severe injuries!

Gu Lingsha nodded. "Mmm, I wasn't in the best condition last night. I shouldn't have done that." Her beautiful face darkened as she sighed. "How's the other driver doing?"

"Don't worry, Ms. Gu. Master Qi will make the arrangements. It's not entirely your fault. That driver needs to bear part of the responsibility as well, so just stay put and rest well. Let Master Qi handle it. The doctor said your condition is still unstable. Although your fever has just gone down, you still need to take some medicine and rest. The doctor also mentioned your concussion will give you a headache sometimes. Let us know if you feel uncomfortable anywhere. I'll go get the medicine for you."

He then handed Gu Lingsha the medicine.

With a deep breath, she asked, "Assistant Yang, can you help me check who's the person that crashed into me?"

"Don't worry, Ms. Gu. Master Qi is on it." Yang Sheng smiled.

Gu Lingsha did not say anything else. She grabbed the tablets from Yang Sheng and popped them into her mouth.

Su Nan was still sleeping when Qi Lei went over. Mu Lingshi and the bodyguard went to handle the hospitalization administration for Ruan Heng while Xi Xiaye was still on the sofa, taking a light nap when another bodyguard came over.

"Missus?"

Xi Xiaye gradually woke up after she was called several times.

“Someone’s outside and he says he’s the other driver’s family member. He might be here to look for trouble. He doesn’t sound very friendly,” said the bodyguard.

Xi Xiaye blinked before checking on Ruan Heng quickly. She adjusted the blanket on Su Nan and then stood up. “I’ll go and take a look. Stay here and look after them.”

“Yes, Missus!”

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In the empty hallway, Qi Lei wore his silver-gray suit with another extra windbreaker on top. He stood before the announcement board and looked at the posters on it. When he heard the sound of the door closing behind him, he turned around.

He was stunned the moment he saw Xi Xiaye.

“Xiaye? Why are you here?” Qi Lei looked surprised as he gaped at her.

Xi Xiaye looked up. She was not really surprised to see Qi Lei as she walked towards him calmly.

“You look exhausted.”

Qi Lei saw Xi Xiaye’s expression and instantly frowned. Then, he looked at the door of the patient’s ward. “Who’s the person inside that could make you so worried? You haven’t rested well for the whole night, haven’t you? You look frail.”

Xi Xiaye did not look at him and just sat down on a long bench nearby.

“Are you here to look for someone to blame on Gu Lingsha’s behalf?” Xi Xiaye’s voice sounded hoarse and tired.

“What do you mean? I just wanted to see who it is, and then I’ll decide if there’s a need to look into it!”

Chapter 659. Scheming (4)

It was in the middle of winter right now, so the early morning was extremely cold.

The corridor was much colder than inside the room. Xi Xiaye shivered a little and clenched her fists, trying to endure the cold. She was not really paying attention to what Qi Lei was saying.

Qi Lei saw her reactions, and before she noticed it, he already took his windbreaker off and put it over her shoulders to her surprise. She wanted to reject at first, but he stopped her cold hand.

“I’m just lending it to you. Remember to give it back to me after you clean it up. It had better be aromatized as well. I don’t need cologne or anything of that sort. A fresh vanilla smell would be fine. Do you hear that?”

Qi Lei quickly adjusted the windbreaker on her and then moved away.

Xi Xiaye looked at the windbreaker over her shoulder. Her eyes darkened as her gaze turned complicated.

Qi Lei saw she was being hesitant, so he quickly changed the topic. “Tell me. What’s happening on your end?”

Xi Xiaye looked downward. “If you’re looking for someone to blame, just blame it on me. Ruan Heng is still in a critical period right now. The doctor said he might stay like this forever. I’ve asked Ah Mo to find out what exactly happened. The security camera footage showed that Ruan Heng drove past the red light, and Gu Lingsha was speeding. Gu Lingsha came out fine with a light concussion.”

She suddenly raised her head and looked at Qi Lei. “However, Ruan Heng had multiple fractures all over his body and is in a critical condition right now. It’s not even been a year since he got married to Su Nan. A month ago, Su Nan gave birth to a cute daughter for him. Gu Lingsha merely suffered from a high fever in the accident. I should be the one looking for her instead of you coming here, shouldn’t I?”

Xi Xiaye's tone of voice was cold and stern, unable to hide the anger on her face. "Even though she might not care about herself, can't she be considerate about others and not be a killer on the road?"

"Shasha was frustrated. Please don't blame her. Calm down. I don't have any intentions of looking for trouble here. I just wanted to see what the situation was," Qi Lei's expression was strained as he said quietly.

"It's just like what you see. If you want to know the details, you can go and ask the doctors. I've told Ah Mo to handle the accident. If you want a solution to this, then look for him. I really don't like Gu Lingsha. Since you're going to defend her, I don't mind adding you into my blacklist as well."

Xi Xiaye frowned with disgust. She had already decided to go against this woman when she found out there was a past relationship between her man and her. No matter what kind of person she was, she felt her treasure had been breached. What happened at the banquet the other night popped up in her mind as well. All in all, she felt uncomfortable about Gu Lingsha!

And now, Gu Lingsha was involved in the accident with Ruan Heng who might not make it through!

Xi Xiaye stood up coldly and walked back towards the room. She did not want to say anything else and just hoped for Ruan Heng to wake up as soon as possible. Otherwise, Su Nan was sure to break down.

Su Nan might look pretty strong, but situations such as these would always reveal the fragile heart under her disguise. Ruan Heng was like the sky to her. How could she still continue to live if the sky collapsed on her?

Su Nan was already up when Xi Xiaye returned to the room. She was sitting by Ruan Heng's bed. Tears started flowing down her face again as she grabbed Ruan Heng's hand. "Ruan Heng, you have to wake up. The baby and I need you. I can't do this alone... Please wake up..."

Tears continued to fall before she could finish her sentence. She placed Ruan Heng's hand on her face as she was on the verge of falling apart.

Xi Xiaye's eyes were getting warm while she stood there in silence for some time. She then decided to leave the room to the two of them.

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The doctor said that although 32 hours had passed, Ruan Heng was still in a coma. When the doctor mentioned it might stay this way forever, Su Nan nearly collapsed.

Su Nan's parents, as well as Ruan Heng's parents, rushed to the hospital when they found out. The whole family wept when they received the grim news.

Xi Xiaye could not do anything except comfort them. She was trying to find some specialists to help Ruan Heng.

She lost weight rapidly in just a few days, so Zhuang Shurong was shocked when she visited her during the weekend!

"Do you not have any appetite? How can you lose so much weight? Is it because of stress at work?"

Zhuang Shurong did not know what had happened since she had been working abroad for the past week and only returned to City Z this morning. She remembered her son's request, so she visited Xi Xiaye.

"Or is it because of your friend's accident? Sis Wang told me your friend was involved in an accident. Is he still unconscious in the hospital?" Zhuang Shurong asked.

Xi Xiaye nodded her head. "The two of them are my best friends who got married in January this year. Their child is only a month old. The doctor said Ruan Heng might never wake up again. I'm worried."

"Worrying doesn't help. Well, you're going to the hospital for a check-up today, aren't you? I'll go with you. I'll also meet some old friends there and see if I can get any advice," Zhuang Shurong said.

Xi Xiaye shot Zhuang Shurong a grateful glance. "Thank you, Mother. By the way, can you make more of this chicken soup? I want to bring some for Su Nan as well. It's been a few days since she lost all her appetite."

Zhuang Shurong smiled gently. "Of course, but you have to drink another bowl of it."

Xi Xiaye nodded as she put on a weak smile, and the darkness in her eyes faded slightly.

Chapter 660. Scheming (5)

After that, following Zhuang Shurong's urging, Xi Xiaye finished three bowls of soup, and then drank some nourishing fluids. Only when she felt incredibly full did Zhuang Shurong let her off.

Ji Zitong came over after breakfast.

When Ji Zitong saw Zhuang Shurong, she was a little nervous, but after a while, she eased.

Unlike Xi Xiaye and some of them, Zhuang Shurong was usually very stern and serious. She had an imposing manner that normal people could not quite handle. Previously, it took Xi Xiaye some time to get used to it too, but eventually, the faint harmony they had now took hold.

Xi Xiaye asked Sis Wang to pack the soup and porridge to bring to the car while she and Zhuang Shurong got in.

As Ji Zitong drove, Xi Xiaye and Zhuang Shurong sat behind.

Zhuang Shurong was actually quite similar to Shen Wenna. She usually quite liked to dress fashionably too. Sometimes, even Xi Xiaye felt like she was older than them while they were beauties who were at the top of their fashion game.

Right now, Zhuang Shurong was browsing a fashion magazine as she chatted with Xi Xiaye interestedly, "This style suits you. You're fair, so this style should show off your charisma. Ooh, and this gown... Normal people won't be able to make it look charming, but I think you can pull it off."

Zhuang Shurong was pointing at a gown in the magazine at this moment as she turned to say to Xi Xiaye.

Xi Xiaye then turned to look at her. Why did she feel like this gown looked quite familiar? It was as though she had seen it somewhere.

“A Qinghua gown with a red-crowned crane... Hmm, it looks really familiar.” Xi Xiaye stared at the picture for quite a while, then her eyes flashed and she could not help but mutter softly, “Wasn’t this the gown Gu Lingsha wore?”

Even though Xi Xiaye spoke very softly, Zhuang Shurong’s keen ears picked her words up clearly. She immediately looked up at Xi Xiaye with a questioning gaze. “What did you just say? What do you mean Gu Lingsha’s gown?”

Xi Xiaye felt uneasy with Zhuang Shurong’s gaze. She stopped to think and remembered Gu Lingsha’s relations with the Mu family from before. Gu Lingsha probably was not someone the Mu family liked after that incident.

She could even feel now from the way Zhuang Shurong said Gu Lingsha’s name, unhappiness flowed from her eyes.

She pondered for a moment before saying calmly, “It’s nothing. It’s just that at VP Wang’s birthday banquet the other day, I feel like I saw this gown and I think it looks pretty good.”

Zhuang Shurong quickly caught onto the key question. She immediately asked Xi Xiaye, “And that gown was on Gu Lingsha who is coincidentally back in City Z?” Her gaze was hostile, and her face that contained a smile earlier abruptly turned cold.

Now that Xi Xiaye thought about it, Gu Lingsha had messed with the Mu family, and no one would be happy about that.

“Mmm, I did see her at VP Wang’s birthday banquet. In fact...”

When she said this, Xi Xiaye suddenly sighed and turned to look out of the car window. “In fact, the person who crashed into Ruan Heng this time was her. She didn’t quite get hurt. I heard it was just a slight concussion while Ruan Heng...”

Xi Xiaye did not continue, yet Zhuang Shurong started to look upset. The gloom on her face shifted, but she could not quite read her.

It was not sure how long had passed when a mocking sneer flashed on Zhuang Shurong lips. She said disdainfully, "If she didn't die, she would eventually have to come back."

After she said this random sentence, Zhuang Shurong did not continue. She just closed the magazine with waning interest and leaned back to rest with her eyes closed.

Even if Xi Xiaye wanted to continue asking, upon seeing Zhuang Shurong like this, she could only set her questions aside for now, but she could already clearly feel that the elderly lady did not seem to like Gu Lingsha very much.

It was 9 a.m. when they reached the hospital. Xi Xiaye told Ji Zitong to deliver the breakfast straight to Ruan Heng's ward while she and Zhuang Shurong went for the check-up. Because they had made an appointment beforehand, they did not need to queue, and the check-up was done shortly after that.

The mother and daughter-in-law walked to the backyard of the hospital and sat down on the bench underneath the tree to wait for the check-up results.

"Right, your legs should be less cramped these days, aren't they? I've asked Sis Wang to brew some bone broths for you. I wonder if it worked," Zhuang Shurong asked in concern.

"Much less now. Don't worry. Didn't the doctor say earlier that the baby's quite healthy?"

"That's good then. When your mother gets back, she'll have a grandchild to carry. A few days ago, she was just telling me about how sad she was that she couldn't see you go through this journey."

"Are you often in contact with my mother too?" Xi Xiaye looked at Zhuang Shurong, slightly surprised.

Zhuang Shurong nodded. "Of course, I get along with your mother. Previously, when her eyes were okay, we chatted quite happily on WeChat. Now, we can only do calls, but I believe she'll be recovering very soon."

Zhuang Shurong was quite optimistic. Earlier, she and Shen Wenna had been classmates. Now, they could progress to being good friends and were even in-laws!

The mother and daughter-in-law chatted back and forth. Their relationship was quite harmonious and joyous, yet when someone else saw this scene, it was a different feeling altogether.

Gu Lingsha stood at the staircase by the walkway as she watched the two of them chat happily on the bench. Her pale face looked gloomy as an odd and complicated light gathered in her blue eyes, invoking curiosity within Yang Sheng.

Yang Sheng had heard much about Zhuang Shurong's stern demeanor and stiffness, so he could not help but gush, "Miss Gu, it's Director Xi of Glory World and Chief Zhuang! How rare to see Chief Zhuang in public! It's usually so hard to even meet her!"

When Gu Lingsha heard this, a cold light flashed in her eyes fleetingly. Then, she suddenly laughed dryly.