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Chapter 691. News (2)

Su Chen frowned. After doing some thinking of his own, he continued, "Can you roughly confirm where the numbers are from?"

Mu Yuchen sipped some tea. "There are two that I'm suspecting. One is from Australia while the other is from City Z. If our hypothesis is correct, then Qi Feng should be hiding in Australia or in City Z."

"Leave the searching to Ah Mo and Zimo." Su Chen then said, "It shouldn't be City Z. It's ridiculous that he's not been found so near us after so many years."

Qi Lei sighed, and his eyes darkened suddenly. "He should be in Australia!"

"How so?" Mu Yuchen glanced at Qi Lei as he asked while refilling Qi Lei's cup.

Qi Lei waited for a moment before smiling bitterly. "I heard that the old man frequently makes calls to Australia. I thought it was business-related, but now that I think about it, he should've been contacting Qi Feng."

Qi Lei remembered Qi Qiming was displeased when he interrupted the calls. In retrospect, he should have been in the midst of calling Qi Feng. Qi Lei also happened to catch the phrase "Australia" in some of the conversations.

Su Chen's eyes darkened as he looked at Mu Yuchen and saw he was just playing with his teacup. He grabbed the teacup and asked, "What do you think?"

"I agree with what he said. From Ah Bo's investigations, Gu Lingsha frequently visited Australia."

Mu Yuchen then picked up his phone and dialed a number. It was Ah Mo who received the call.

"Master?" Ah Mo's voice came through.

“Focus the investigations on Australia, and try to get information on everyone that came into contact with Gu Lingsha in Australia. Pack up and fly there tomorrow night. Bring Lingshi with you as well. I’ll send the exact details and information to your computer later.” Mu Yuchen’s calm voice reached him.

Ah Mo was in his car parked near the entrance of Imperial Sky Entertainment Club. Recently, he would be there to pick Mu Lingshi up after he was done with work.

“Master, are you saying that Qi Feng might be in Australia?” Ah Mo straightened up and asked.

“I’ll depend on you guys to find him. I don’t like the word ‘might’.”

“Yes, Master!”

“Go back and pack up. I’ll get Li Si to book flights for the two of you. Head back to the Mu residence tomorrow and let Grandfather know Lingshi and you are traveling to Australia. Grandmother is with me and I’ll send her over tomorrow. Try not to grab too much attention. Just act as if you guys are going for a honeymoon. Fly to France first and then plan your routes from there onwards. Understand?”

Qi Qiming was very strong at anti-spying, so Mu Yuchen had to be careful since it was only possible to find something by doing it on their own.

“Yes, Master!”

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Qi Lei was impressed by Mu Yuchen’s attention to detail. He had it all figured out. That way, they would definitely avoid Qi Qiming’s attention. Moreover, Ah Mo and Mu Lingshi were getting along well, so Qi Qiming would never suspect that their honeymoon trip to France would be an investigation of Qi Feng in secret!

“Does Ah Mo have enough people?” Su Chen refilled Mu Yuchen’s cup. “I might need to send some subordinates abroad for training. Australia might be a good choice. If there’s a need, I can put the applications in.”

“Too many people might catch too much attention. Just the two of them will be fine. You’ll attract a lot of attention, thus it’ll be subtler if we transfer them via France. Just leave this to them,” Mu Yuchen replied as he glanced over at Qi Lei who had been quiet. “Master Qi, do you have anything to say about this?”

Qi Lei came back to his senses when Mu Yuchen mentioned his name. He took a deep breath and pinched the space between his eyebrows. His darkened eyes were filled with exhaustion. “What can I say about this? I just hope that you guys will let me know when Qi Feng is found. Alright, Master Su, you don’t need to look at me like this. You know how my relationship with that old man is. If I can find out anything from him, I would’ve known where Qi Feng is by now. Even Shasha...”

“From what you’ve said, it’s a tragedy to have a father like him.” Su Chen shrugged his shoulder and threw Qi Lei a pitiful glance.

“I’m used to it. It’s not really that tragic. I have food to eat, clothes to wear, and money to spend. This is the life I want, so don’t spare me those pitiful glances. I don’t need them!” Qi Lei put on a grin as he said in a calm tone, “As for Shasha, I’ll keep an eye on her. I’ll do my best to minimize her interference.”

“You’re really concerned about her!” Su Chen glanced at Qi Lei, trying to tease him.

“I don’t want to explain about Shasha too much. I won’t defend her if she’s indeed wrong. What I can do now is to monitor her. I got a confirmation from my mother that Shasha will be joining Qi Kai after she’s recovered. She might be involved in the South River Project. I don’t know what this means, but you can find out about it yourself. By the way, can I have the document with the samples? I’ll be abroad tomorrow onwards.” Qi Lei put down his tea cup and stood up slowly.

“I’ve spoken to CEO Shen from Fu Hua. He wants to meet you next week. Will you be back by then?” Mu Yuchen stood up and handed the folder to Qi Lei.

“CEO Shen wants to see me?” Qi Lei looked surprised.

“He’s interested in the documents you submitted, so he wants to talk to you personally.”

“Alright, I’ll try to get back before then. It’s getting late now and I’ll be heading back now. Call me if you need anything!” Qi Lei then started walking towards the door.

“I’ll head back too. Let’s talk again when Zimo gets back.” Su Chen stood up as well.

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When they went downstairs, Xi Xiaye and Wang Hui were sitting on the sofa watching the TV. She stood up when she saw the few of them coming down.

“Xiaye, stay home with Grandmother. I’ll send them home. Hand me the car keys, please.”

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Xi Xiaye walked towards the drawer and got him the car keys. “Put on another layer of clothes. It’s cold outside.” She also grabbed his coat on the sofa and passed it to him.

He nodded and slung the coat over his shoulder before heading outside. Qi Lei and Su Chen bade their farewells and followed him.

It was already late at night, so the whole Grand Waves Villa area was quiet amidst the chilly weather.

Mu Yuchen sent Qi Lei to the entrance of the Grand Lake Villa area before sending Su Chen back to his condominium.

On the way back, Su Chen asked Mu Yuchen, “So, you really trust Qi Lei now, huh? But now that I look at him, he seems pretty genuine. What did you do? How did he change so much?”

“He’s a smart guy, and I believe in his decision-making skills. There are no eternal enemies, only eternal benefits.”

Mu Yuchen understood Qi Lei’s situation very well, hence he trusted his own decision. His appearance today confirmed his thoughts.

“You’re pretty confident, but you’ll never know what he’s really thinking. As your friend, I have to remind you that Qi Lei looks like he’s got something to hide. Be careful and take precautionary measures.” Su Chen gave Mu Yuchen a reminder as he looked at him pointedly.

“I got it. It’s time for you to go. Xiaye is still waiting for me at home. I’ll get someone to drive your car over tomorrow.”

“Let’s gather again when Zimo gets back. It’s been several months since we’ve had a drink together. You’re almost becoming a shut-in. It’s not healthy to always stay with your wife. How can a man survive without any entertainment?” Su Chen glanced at Mu Yuchen and patted his shoulder. “Don’t dote on her too much and become her slave!”

Mu Yuchen threw him a cold stare and he quickly shut up, disembarking from the car quietly.

Wang Hui was already asleep by the time he got back to Maple Residence while Xi Xiaye was going through some documents in the study room after a shower.

Xi Xiaye sorted the documents based on priorities. When she was done and had gone into the bedroom, Mu Yuchen came out of the bathroom wearing a blue sleeping robe.

Xi Xiaye went over and tied the sash of his robe for him as she asked, “What were you guys talking about? That was a long chat. It’s already half past ten.”

He ran his fingers through her hair and put his arm over her shoulder. “Nothing much, just some stuff that happened recently.

“Gu Lingsha?” She looked at him, her fingers interlocking with his while she slid her other arm around his waist.

He looked downwards and touched her baby bump. “Who else could it be except them? Su Nan is fine now. You can relax and rest at home. Take a look at yourself in the mirror.”

Xi Xiaye saw herself in the mirror. She looked exhausted and had some dark circles around her eyes although it was better now compared to several days earlier.

“A lot has happened. I’m just a little tired from worrying about Su Nan.”

“Go to bed earlier. Don’t stay up so late at night again. Go to sleep before 10.30 pm.”

“Mmm, the little thing has fallen asleep as well. It was acting up just now and Grandmother sang some songs. She said it must be a boy.”

“A girl, one who listens to me.”

Lately, their conversations had been revolving around their child. Master Mu could never understand why new parents always talked about their children, but now he finally understood it himself.

The next day, Xi Xiaye woke up as a result of some noise. Although the man was nowhere to be seen, as usual, he had prepared some clothes for her to change into. When she got downstairs after washing up, Mu Yinan was there reading the newspaper and enjoying some tea on the sofa.

Sis Wang was quick to notice Xi Xiaye. “Good morning, Missus!”

Xi Xiaye nodded in response. “Good morning!”

Mu Yinan looked over when he heard their voices. He spoke gently, “You’re awake.”

“Good morning, Grandfather! Where’s Grandmother and Mu Yuchen?”

“Missus, Master went to work, and he specifically told you to stay at home and rest. He’ll take care of the handover work and will call you if there’s anything he needs. The flowers in the backyard have bloomed, so Elder Madam is there right now.”

“Have some breakfast, Sis Wang. Get Elder Madam back here for breakfast.” Mu Yinan’s expression was not as strained as Xi Xiaye imagined. Instead, he looked slightly helpless, and it seemed like the conflict yesterday ended with his defeat.

Breakfast was soon served. It was a nutritious Eastern breakfast.

Wang Hui sat down beside Xi Xiaye and opposite Mu Yinan. She was definitely giving him a hard time.

After Mu Yinan gulped down half a bowl of porridge, he quietly uttered, “Well, I fed the parrot... I didn’t pluck out your flowers. I even watered them. I also... didn’t go to the ***... I really didn’t. I stayed at home all night. You can ask Tangchuan if you don’t believe me. We played some chess and only went to sleep at around midnight!” Mu Yinan explained himself as he looked at his wife.

Wang Hui ignored him outright. She scooped another half bowl of porridge for Xi Xiaye and smiled. “Here, have a little more. I know you don’t like greasy food, so we made this.”

Her kind attitude to Xi Xiaye was a huge contrast to how she usually treated Mu Yinan. He started to frown.

“Grandfather, Grandmother, that’s enough now. Mu Yuchen said Ah Mo and Lingshi will be going back home as they will be leaving for France tonight. They might only be back after several months, let Chauffeur Wang send you two back home after breakfast.”

Xi Xiaye remembered what her man said last night.

“What? Ah Mo and Lingshi are going to France? Didn’t Ah Chen just return from there?”

The two of them were stunned.

“There are still some things that need to be handled there. It’s also an opportunity for them to travel around.” Xi Xiaye smiled.

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The old couple quickly finished their breakfast and returned to the old residence. Of course, the two of them looked very happy too. They wondered if Ah Mo and Lingshi were going to bring good news soon.

They even wondered if the good news would come around by next spring.

The cold wind blew at the entrance of Maple Residence. Sis Wang looked at the car that moved further away in a daze as she could not help but sigh lightly. "Missus, Elder Chairman Mu and Elder Madam are really a pair of goofy ones. Earlier, they were still upset, and now they just left hand-in-hand. I think this is what you call husband and wife."

"The kind of love that Grandfather and Grandmother share is the kind the previous generation has. Sometimes, I think that their love is a little simpler. I think they understand what it means to be there through thick and thin."

Just like Grandpa Shen Yue and her Grandma Fu Hua.

"Missus, you and Master are like this too. The two of you will definitely be loving until a ripe old age, and be happy forever."

Sis Wang turned and looked at Xi Xiaye, her face brimming with a smile. "Before this, I always thought that Master was a very cold and hostile person. After that, I realized that he's actually a very calm person. Missus, you can't go wrong with Master."

When she heard this, Xi Xiaye smiled calmly. As she looked at the car that vanished in front, she responded after a long while, "Everyone wants to be happy forever, but happiness is like skating on thin ice. Many things still require us to work hard and guard them."

She left this sentence floating in the cold wind before she turned to walk into Maple Residence.

Sis Wang looked away with a sigh, and went in after her.

After the cold rain stopped, it seemed as if the entire City Z had calmed down too. Ah Mo and Mu Lingshi flew to France that day itself while Qi Lei rushed abroad for work. Xi Xiaye stayed in Maple

Residence and barely went out. Apart from asking Ji Zitong to return to the Shen residence twice, she stayed at home.

On Hospital T's end, Xi Xiaye called Su Nan. She found out that Ruan Heng's condition was stable for now, but he had not regained consciousness. There would still be lots of examinations in the upcoming week. Xi Xiaye knew that they were all people that Mu Yuchen had specially invited to check on Ruan Heng.

The entire City Z was becoming colder and colder. After New Year's Day, they would be at the end of the year.

Mu Yuchen went out early and returned late. He was very busy with work, but when Xi Xiaye went to the hospital for checkups, he would personally accompany her such as he did today. It was a Saturday, and there were many people, so it was a lucky thing they had made an appointment.

After the checkup was done, the husband and wife went to visit Ruan Heng too. He was still in the Intensive Care Unit. Su Nan who guarded the ward outside had become thin very quickly. She was even more fragile than before she got married. However, by the looks of it, her emotions seemed quite stable, and she was not as distracted as before.

On the bench in the corridor, Xi Xiaye looked sadly at Su Nan who was gaunt. "Before this, you were still worried that you wouldn't be able to lose weight, but look at you now. You're so thin I can see your ribs. If Ruan Heng wakes up, his heart would ache to see you like this. He'd even complain about what a bad friend I have been."

Su Nan just smiled feebly. "I can still gain weight after this. As long as that bastard Ruan Heng wakes up, I don't mind how thin I get. You, though, you've gone through a lot with me. Lucky thing Master Mu's back to watch over you. I think you look much better now."

"I've been eating well and sleeping well recently, so I feel much better in spirit. Right, how's Xiao Chenxi doing? When I went back to the Shen residence a few days ago, I went around the maternity store and bought Xiao Xi some clothes and toys. They're still at my place. I'll get Zitong to send them to you at night."

“Alright, don’t worry about these things. Worry about yourself. Xiao Xi still has her grandpa, grandma, grandfather, and grandmother to take care of her, so she’s alright. I’ve been coming over to see Ruan Heng, so I haven’t had much time to watch Xiao Xi. Thankfully, Ruan Heng’s mother and my mother are around. Otherwise, I really wouldn’t know what to do.”

Su Nan sighed a little helplessly. “Right now, I’m just hoping that Ruan Heng will wake up sooner. It’s been tough for me to hold on alone. Before this, there would be him to depend on for everything. Seeing him down like this makes me feel like I’m stuck in a terribly difficult situation. Okay, forget it. Let’s not talk about these things. Right, Xiaye, when I accompanied Ruan Heng for a checkup yesterday, I saw Xi Xinyi again. She seems to have been hospitalized recently, and she looked quite gloomy. I asked the doctor and found out that she was sent to the hospital because of heavy drinking that caused her stomach to bleed. What’s up? I heard that something happened on Han Yifeng’s end.”

Su Nan had only heard some rumors. Since she was in confinement for a while before this, and then Ruan Heng’s incident happened, she naturally did not pay attention to all this.

When she mentioned it, Xi Xiaye subconsciously frowned and shot Su Nan a puzzled look before replying calmly, “Han Yifeng left City Z for San Francisco. In fact, he brought Xi Xinyi’s son too. He’s thinking of starting over there.”

“So, this Xi Xinyi did not leave with him and stayed back in City Z? I heard that she’s been managing Yueying well. Hasn’t the box office sales for a recently released blockbuster been doing well? How could she be willing to give up on everything here and leave with Han Yifeng? No wonder she looked quite dispirited. She seemed a little sad and dazed.”

The scene from before suddenly flashed in Su Nan’s mind. Now, all that remained were sighs. “However, this time, you can actually see that Han Yifeng has completely given up on Xi Xinyi. Otherwise, he wouldn’t have left so determinedly. He even brought the child with him. I think back then, they were really close. Even though I don’t like the two of them, their current situation should give us some kind of warning. Xi Xinyi hasn’t looked for you for trouble recently, has she?”

Xi Xiaye shook her head. “She’s been behaving for a while now.”

Su Nan nodded. “That’s good then. I hope that we can walk out from all these haziness in the past. The Xi family’s gone, and so have your grandfather and Deng Wenwen. And Yue Lingsi... You’ve gone through many storms. You learn you can never straighten everything out, so you only wish for some peace!”

After she said this, she sighed deeply. "After Ruan Heng got into the accident, I've given it a lot of thought. The more I feel like there are too many things spiraling out of our control, I don't wish for riches, only peace and harmony for my family."

Xi Xiaye nodded and gladly agreed, "Ruan Heng will definitely wake up. Don't worry about it too much. You speak so much to him every day, and he loves you deeply. He won't just leave you behind like that."

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Xi Xiaye did not think that Xi Xinyi would come over just as she and Su Nan were in the midst of a chat.

When they heard the patter of footsteps, Xi Xiaye subconsciously turned to look and saw Xi Xinyi dressed in a light red winter overcoat in the latest trend. She wore light makeup, concealing her wan and sallowness, but from the way she moved, you could tell that she probably had it rough.

Was she not hospitalized?

Why was she here?

Xi Xiaye and Su Nan exchanged a look. Their eyes were filled with some doubt and vigilance.

"I want to talk to you." Xi Xinyi stopped before the two of them, her dim and gloomy eyes FALLING onto Xi Xiaye, confusing her.

Xi Xiaye's expression was calm and her tone was cold as she said, "But I don't know what there is to talk to you about. If it's about Han Yifeng or is related to the Xi family, then we don't have much to talk about."

Xi Xinyi just smiled coldly and said firmly, "But I think I have many things to talk to you about. I came here intentionally. Since you think that you can be quite undisturbed, why would you be worried that I'd delay you for a few minutes, Xi Xiaye?"

Like before, her tone was still not courteous. Xi Xiaye was very clear about how much this woman resented her!

Xi Xiaye did not answer. As Xi Xinyi's dull gaze suddenly sharpened, she glanced at Su Nan beside Xi Xiaye. Her intentions were clear, yet Su Nan ignored her while Xi Xiaye mocked in disdain, "Xi Xinyi, didn't your mother teach you that when you're asking to speak to someone, it's best if you be more courteous and respectful with your attitude?"

"Su Nan, this is between Xi Xiaye and me. You're an outsider. Would you die if you were less of a busybody?" Xi Xinyi was quite furious, you could sense from the sneer on her face that this time, Han Yifeng's actions must have impacted her quite a bit.

"If there's anything, you can just tell me. I don't have much time." When she saw Xi Xinyi snap at Su Nan, Xi Xiaye immediately frowned.

Xi Xinyi looked at Xi Xiaye's cold little face and clenched her teeth. She took a deep breath in and then said, "Don't you know that Yifeng has left City Z?"

"I know. He even brought your son away." Xi Xiaye's expression was apathetic as she responded.

"Does that mean you already knew that he wanted to leave? Did he tell you personally that he wanted to leave?" Xi Xinyi's grip on her sleeves tightened as she looked gloomy with her eyes fixed on Xi Xiaye.

Xi Xiaye smiled indifferently. "You're his wife. Don't you think it's quite odd to be asking me this kind of questions?"

"Odd? I just want to know whether he loves me or you! He doesn't even love me all that much. Otherwise, how could he be so cruel and heartless? I'm going crazy from thinking about this. He leaves when he wants to, but why did he take my child away!? I gave birth to the child. Was it you who taught him to do that? I know he's looked for you. Don't think about lying to me!" Xi Xinyi looked like she was about to break down, and as she spoke, her beautiful eyes started to tear up.

"Why are you so weird? Your child was taken away by Han Yifeng. What does this have to do with Xiaye?" Su Nan could not hold back her anger as she glared at Xi Xinyi with widened eyes.

However, Xi Xinyi pretended not to hear her as she fixed her gaze on Xi Xiaye. “Xi Xiaye! Speak! Was it you? He’s not even picking up my calls right now, but I know that he’ll definitely pick your calls up. I want you to tell him that if he dares say that he once loved me, then he should return the child to me. I won’t go after all the things from the past.”

“Why should I make this call for you?” Xi Xiaye sneered. “I finally feel better now knowing you’re not doing well. Who Han Yifeng loves or loved has nothing to do with me. As for matters related to the child, those are your family matters. It’s got nothing to do with me. On the day that Han Yifeng left, he had someone send over a bouquet of yellow roses. The card says that he hopes I could forgive him, and he wished Mu Yuchen and me well, that we would be happy forever.”

Before Xi Xiaye could finish, Xi Xinyi immediately responded, “I don’t believe you!”

“Whether you want to believe me or not is up to you. From the moment that Han Yifeng chose you between the two of us, we were completely done for. All the memories of these past years have faded away too. Besides, Han Yifeng can’t compare to Mu Yuchen. Do you think I’m a fool? Would I ditch a watermelon for a sesame seed?” Xi Xiaye’s determined tone was overbearing as her cold eyes flashed with indifference and disdain.

“If you really want to get Han Yifeng back, then you can just end everything here and go look for him in San Francisco. Don’t be here making an unreasonable scene with me. All of this is meaningless. Xi Xinyi, if we’re talking about your so-called ‘happiness’, then you have far more than me, but you don’t appreciate them. There’s no one in this world who owes you kindness. The only person you can change is yourself. Your narrow-mindedness, your greediness, your jealousy, and your lack of introspection has harmed you, so the person who destroyed you was yourself.”

Xi Xiaye looked up, her calm and indifferent eyes meeting Xi Xinyi’s. “Deng Wewen, Yue Lingsi, Han Yifeng, the Han family... Ask yourself have they not been good to you? Have I harmed you? What made you want to go against me? Ever since we were young, you’d always think of ways to take away everything I have. You didn’t want to let me do well. Xi Xinyi, you’re psychopathic. You should go get checked. You’re quite sick. If one is physically sick, you can still heal, but if your heart is sick, then there’s no fixing that.”

Xi Xiaye sighed to herself and slowly got up. Su Nan also stood up and helped her.

“Next time, don’t come looking for me again. As for Han Yifeng, the Xi family, and everything related to you, I don’t want to know. I’ve never cared for Yueying. If we were to talk about qualifications, I never

thought of myself more inferior than you. At least, I've never admitted that you're prettier than me, and in terms of talents, I don't think I lose to you either. Xi Xinyi, your enemy is yourself and not me! If you really want to go after something, you'll just have to blame it on your bad luck. Why didn't you meet a Mu Yuchen too?"

Xi Xiaye's cold voice contained a hint of sarcasm that sounded thorny to Xi Xinyi. She was angry and hurt at the same time. She could barely catch her breath and struggled for a while. Just when she was about to refute, she suddenly heard the sound of steady footsteps. Subconsciously, she looked up to see Mu Yuchen's handsome and lanky figure.

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Xi Xinyi was shaken as the things that Mu Yuchen had said to her back then immediately flashed in her mind.

Mu Yuchen stopped leisurely and glanced at his woman before peering at Xi Xinyi. His profound gaze was so cold that Xi Xinyi instantly felt the chill to the bone. She trembled a bit, then turned to leave. Watching her figure rush off, Su Nan felt like she was running for her life.

Xi Xiaye was still stunned by the man's sudden appearance, so she could not react immediately.

When did he appear out of nowhere?

How long had he been there?

How much of the conversation earlier had he heard?

As she thought about this, Xi Xiaye shuddered to herself. Before he could react, she felt her cheeks turning hot, and she could not help but blush especially with Su Nan teasing her on the side.

"Cough cough, Xiaye, your watermelon [1] is here. I'm off now!"

When Xi Xiaye heard her teasing, she immediately covered her face and called out to Su Nan's vanishing figure, "Su Nan, you horrible friend!"

Just as Xi Xiaye shouted, the man's deep and sensitive voice was heard. "She's already gone. Don't yell after her now. I didn't know that I'd be so great in your eyes. You didn't confess to me but to your rival instead. Xi Xiaye, what should I think about this? Also, do you really think I'm a watermelon?"

Xi Xiaye felt even more embarrassed. She could not have imagined herself saying such things either. She struggled, then looked up silently at him. When she saw that his expression was calm as usual, yet two oddly bright glows gathered in those eyes of his. They were fixated on her.

Xi Xiaye's bright and moving twinkling eyes flickered a bit, then she cleared her throat to hide her shyness. She quickly thought of something before pointing her at her baby bump with a smile. "You're the little watermelon's father!"

A smile as gentle as the spring wind instantly flashed across his face. He lifted a hand and patted her head as his tender voice could not conceal his doting. "Is admitting that you like me so hard? Missus, I suddenly remember that you haven't confessed to me before."

Before he could finish, Xiaye immediately refuted justifiably, "Well, you haven't told me you love me before either." Her eyes that were as bright as the stars met with his deep ones as she said calmly, "If you say it, then I'll say it. If you confess, then I'll confess."

Upon hearing this, a smile curved on his noble and handsome face. It was mesmerizingly elegant, and he chuckled. "You're becoming more and more arrogant from being spoiled now, Missus."

"All thanks to you," she responded very calmly, "Mr. Mu?"

"Mmm?" He raised his brows to look at her.

"Why don't you say those three words to me?"

Upon hearing her ask that, he just smiled and dotingly patted on her head. He suddenly sighed and abruptly pulled her into his wide and warm chest as he said softly, "I don't want to say it because I want you to feel it yourself. Your Mr. Mu is old, so he's shy of saying these things. When you can feel it one day, remember to tell me. I've always hoped for the moment that you can feel it, when you'd tell me that you feel the same."

His gentle voice was very warm and sentimental. Xi Xiaye was a mess in his embrace as she felt touched. She could not hold back from hugging him tightly, and her clear voice turned a little raspy. "I've long felt it, Mu Yuchen. I feel the same. When you weren't around, this would hurt a little whenever I missed you."

Her twinkling eyes seemed a little misty to him. She reached out to point at her heart, yet her gaze was firm. "I think that next time, I'll like watermelon more than myself."

When he heard this, Mu Yuchen smiled even more elegantly and charmingly. "Is that so? Then, do you like the big watermelon more or the little watermelon?"

"I like both," she answered sincerely.

Upon hearing this, Mu Yuchen suddenly felt like whatever he had been worried about was about to happen.

When the child was born, would she like the child more than him?

He heard that most women were like that. After having a child, their focus would shift. Between their husband and child, the child would become more important to them.

'So, little watermelon, you had better be a girl! Like repelled like. Father can then steal more of your mother's attention!' he thought to himself.

He sighed. Upon seeing the smile that brimmed on her face, he did not have the heart to scold her, so he just lowered his head and planted a kiss on her light lips before he said very sincerely, "But to me, little watermelon's mother is the most important to me. Little watermelon, I just conveniently happen to like you too."

When she heard his admission, she was immediately overjoyed. She quickly asked, "Are you sure?"

He nodded gently. "Of course."

She pursed her lips and smiled for a long while before reaching out to pull him and walking ahead as she said, "When the baby grows up, he or she will definitely protest. What unique name should we give it?"

"If he or she dares to be unhappy with the name their mother gives them, the first person to give them a lesson will be me!"

"Mmm? Wait, Mr. Mu, you just said you were old earlier, and that you'd be shy to say those things, didn't you?" Xi Xiaye pondered for a moment and remembered what the man said before.

Mu Yuchen was stunned. After a while, he smiled. "Missus, you're really good at reacting."

Xi Xiaye rolled her eyes. "Only thick-skinned people would tell people that they're shy. You should be that sort of person."

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Of course, Xi Xiaye would not know that when he heard her say that she liked him more than she liked herself, there was an instance when Mu Yuchen's heart seemed to have skipped a beat. He suddenly realized that everything he had done so far was more than worth it.

On the long road ahead, he would slowly also understand why he was at peace with himself all this while. It was because he had been waiting for her. All of him belonged to her whether she was good or bad.

A very, very long while after that, Xi Xiaye asked him again, "If I were to be like Xi Xinyi, and were a very, very horrid woman, would you still be good to me like you are right now? Would you be like Han Yifeng, abandoning me in discouragement?"

Then, he said to Xi Xiaye, "If you were a woman like that, then that could only mean that I haven't done well enough. I couldn't do my best to satisfy you, so you think that you don't have enough, and that is why you became horrid. I must first reflect on myself, but I would never turn out to be such a below-average guy. I am not like him."

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Mu Yuchen put his arm over her shoulder as they walked along the corridor and headed outside.

Unexpectedly, they bumped into Gu Lingsha who was getting discharged from the hospital that day.

Xi Xiaye had to admit that Gu Lingsha was a true beauty. She wore a khaki-colored windbreaker with her hair tied into a simple knot. Her face was beautiful, and her eyes were blue like sapphires.

She was just glamorous.

Xi Xiaye was skeptical about the saying that Caucasians were usually better looking, but her doubts were cleared the moment she saw Gu Lingsha.

Gu Lingsha halted her steps when she saw Xi Xiaye and Mu Yuchen. She stood beside the car as she watched them walk over. Her expression was calm, and her gaze was icy cold.

“Master!” Li Si quickly went forward and shot Gu Lingsha an alert glance.

“Not even a greeting?” Gu Lingsha spoke softly with a smile on her face. She did not express any other emotions on the surface.

Xi Xiaye had no idea that Mu Yuchen and Gu Lingsha met before this. The current situation felt awkward. When she turned towards Mu Yuchen, she noticed how calm he was. His eyes seemed unfazed and cold when he looked at Gu Lingsha. Even Xi Xiaye could feel the chilly aura around him.

Since Mu Yuchen remained silent, Gu Lingsha laid her sights on Xi Xiaye. “Ms. Xi, we meet again. I’m sure it’s a pleasure meeting this time.”

“You should call her Mrs. Mu.” Mu Yuchen’s deep voice reached her as his arm over her shoulder tightened.

“I thought we’d be able to have a nice, long talk since we’ve reunited after such a long time. You’re still cold as ever, but I really don’t like the way we talked that night. Mu Yuchen, I’m not the same person as before anymore. Whatever I want, I’ll get it,” Gu Lingsha spoke quietly as she closed in.

“You know very well I can do much more than what happened that night.”

Gu Lingsha let out a cold laugh. “I know you’ve always wondered how Lingtian died, but I’ll never tell you. You just have to know that you killed him. You spared no mercy to your own brother. He suffered greatly when he died.”

As expected, Mu Yuchen’s eyes darkened after he heard Gu Lingsha and his grip on Xi Xiaye’s shoulder tightened once again. Xi Xiaye could feel the intense coldness from him.

“Not only did you elope with someone else behind your fiancé’s back, but you even incited Lingtian to help you guys and indirectly caused his death, yet now you’re blaming the victim. Ms. Gu, is your brain only made up of muscles? How could you act like you’re on the side of justice while you just want revenge?”

Xi Xiaye was getting protective. She shot Gu Lingsha a sarcastic look and her tone was sharp. “Such shameless behavior like yours deserves a death penalty if it happened in the ancient era. Is your beauty inversely correlated to your IQ? Where does your sense of justice come from? If we actually want to hold someone responsible, you’re the real cause of the whole tragedy, aren’t you?”

Gu Lingsha was stunned for a moment. She then replied as her expression darkened. “Ms. Xi please be mindful of your attitude!”

“I don’t think my attitude has any issue. Compared to protected little princesses like you, I don’t see what’s so bad about being straightforward and authentic. At the very least, I won’t go eloping with someone else. I know how to spell the word shame. Are you sure you do?”

Xi Xiaye gave Gu Lingsha a hard stare. Despite being furious, Gu Lingsha was able to control her expression of emotions very well. She acted as if she did not care what Xi Xiaye just said as she gave Mu Yuchen a smile. “Letting a woman act recklessly... That’s not like you at all, Mu Yuchen.”

She then glanced coldly at Xi Xiaye and smiled. "You're not involved at all. You have no right to talk about it because you don't know what happened. Mu Yuchen, you know very well what you've done. What now? Are you so speechless that you need your woman to defend you?"

Mu Yuchen was indifferent. He gave Xi Xiaye a gentle glance before staring at Gu Lingsha coldly. "You're wrong. I enjoyed it."

He ignored Gu Lingsha's reaction as he dragged Xi Xiaye toward the car. Li Si opened the door for them, and Xi Xiaye turned over elegantly and gave Gu Lingsha a graceful glance before going in.

The car soon left and vanished amidst the traffic.

Gu Lingsha took a deep breath and closed her eyes in bitterness. She smiled wanly and clenched her fists.

She was the true victim! Her Weiwei was the innocent one!

How could they live their lives in peace while she had to go through the pain?

This world was unfair!

Gu Lingsha felt a pain shoot in her chest as she thought about it.

The chauffeur was driving carefully. The atmosphere inside the car was turning so dark that even Li Si, who was sitting in the front passenger seat, could feel it.

"Master, where are we going now? Are we still heading to the New Era Shopping Centre?"

He wanted to bring Xi Xiaye out for a walk, but it did not seem like the right time. Mu Yuchen leaned back quietly, looking outside the window and not replying Li Si.

After a while, Xi Xiaye said, "Go back to Maple Residence."

"Yes, Missus!"

Li Si did not say anything else. Xi Xiaye looked at Mu Yuchen for a while before grabbing the hand that rested on his lap. "Don't mind what she said. It's all in the past now. No matter what, I'll trust you and support you."

Mu Yuchen had a faint smile on his face as he embraced her.

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"Remember what you said. If you don't fulfill your promise, I'll never forgive you." He hugged her tightly as he spoke, "I'm fine. There's no point putting the blame on anyone now after it's done. The dead can't be revived anyway."

"Then, you..." Xi Xiaye gave him a doubtful glance.

He saw her gaze and then said, "I still want to know some answers. No matter what, Lingtian did die in the accident, and I'm partly responsible for that. Back then, when we found out Gu Lingsha and Qi Feng were leaving, Lingtian came to my study room. Of course, I want to hold them accountable, but even more so, I want to know Lingtian's reason for doing it. That's why I want Ah Mo to bring them all back."

"After all that's happened, now that I think about it, Lingtian's relationship with Gu Lingsha wouldn't have just been friends. I guess that he probably fell in love with Gu Lingsha. That's the reason why he betrayed me. There are only several drivers behind behaviors: money, love, revenge."

"But, if that's the case, why would Lingtian help Qi Feng? Qi Feng would be Lingtian's love rival, but many investigations led to the conclusion that Lingtian respected Qi Feng a lot. He even called him Bro Feng. Don't you think it's odd? I think your opinion is a little out of place," Xi Xiaye frowned and voiced out her doubts.

"You probably underestimated Qi Feng's psychological tactics. While Lingtian rarely sees me, it's obvious that he's an innocent person. He'd give it his all to help someone he trusts. He's kind of introverted and disliked hanging out with Su Chen and the others. However, he liked to spend time with Gu Lingsha," Mu Yuchen said.

Xi Xiaye took a deep breath and gave it some thought. "If that's the case, then I can understand why people who aren't close to you would feel pressured by your coldness, but Gu Lingsha and the others are different. Qi Lei was with them as well. He must have felt relaxed and happy. It's very important for a lonely person."

Xi Xiaye felt it was relatable. After Shen Wenna divorced Xu Mushan, she started to isolate herself. She isolated herself from the other students, but then she saw Su Nan's cheerfulness and longed for it. She wanted to protect that warmth and happiness.

Su Nan and Ruan Heng always held a special place in her heart. Her memories with them were precious.

Now, she could understand what Mu Lingtian was feeling.

"Alright, let's not talk about it anymore. Since we're out, let's go somewhere. We'll go back after noon. Do you have anywhere you want to go?" Mu Yuchen interrupted her train of thought and said.

Xi Xiaye glanced at him and noticed that his expression had returned to his usual calmness. She took a deep breath and said, "Hmm... Then, let's go to the orphanage to take a look. It's been a while since I visited. By the way, is there any news about the child adoption?"

"Not yet. We need to be cautious about this. Let's go and take a look."

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The orphanage looked totally different now. Since Xi Xinyi's incident, this place had caught the attention of many charity organizations. Mu Yuchen also took Xi Xiaye's suggestion of setting up a Glory World Charity Fund, and this orphanage was one of its beneficiaries.

Many people chipped into the fund following Glory World's lead, so it had grown by a large scale now and held a certain amount of influence when dealing with the government.

The rusted fence had already been replaced anew. From the outside, they could see the progress of the construction going on inside. The outdoor field had been worked on as well. There was now a basketball court and football court. There was also a new flower bed with some freshly bloomed chrysanthemums.

Mu Yuchen put his arm over Xi Xiaye's shoulder as they walked past the trees. They watched the children play games and basketball.

Xi Xiaye was touched by the innocent smiles on their faces. She started smiling and looked at him. "There are more kids there now. Each and every child are angels sent down by God. No matter what, they deserve a warm and happy childhood."

He did not reply. Instead, he looked at her baby bump. "In a few months' time, this little thing will be out."

Xi Xiaye looked downward and nodded with a smile. "I can't wait, little watermelon..."

Mu Yuchen also smiled as he held her tighter. When he was about to say something, she saw something white flash past her eyes. Xi Xiaye looked over and noticed it was a white volleyball.

The ball slowly rolled over and stopped as it bumped against the staircase.

A small white hand went to grab it.

It was a cute little boy!

He wore a clean suit and had neatly combed hair. With his big, starry eyes, he seemed pretty quiet for his age. He seemed to be around four or five years old.

He silently sat on the staircase and pushed the ball around. His small, lonely figure did not seem to fit into the group of rowdy children.

He was holding a black, expensive-looking harmonica in the other hand. He held it closer to his lips and soon a melody came out. It was a song Xi Xiaye was familiar with, "Spirited Away".

After listening to it for a while, Xi Xiaye could not help but walk towards the little boy.

The little boy stopped when he saw someone in front of him. The melody was interrupted as he peered down at the shadow. He raised his head slowly and looked at the beautiful lady that had suddenly appeared before him.

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Xi Xiaye lowered herself slightly as she looked at the little boy in joy. Her eyes glittered as her tone turned soft. "Hello, little guy. Are you one of the children here at the orphanage?"

A warm light gathered in her beautiful eyes. The little boy looked at Xi Xiaye quietly and just nodded.

"Why don't you play with the other children?"

The little boy did not reply. Instead, an old and kind voice came from behind him. "He's Xiao Ye. He arrived three months ago. It was midnight and he had blood over him when I found him. He has brain damage and forgot everything when he woke up. I named him Xiao Ye. I tried to help him to locate his family in the past three months, but nothing worked. His parents probably..."

Chief Wang stopped mid-sentence.

"Father!"

Suddenly, an innocent voice rang out. Xi Xiaye looked over and noticed the little boy staring straight at Mu Yuchen.

Mu Yuchen was surprised as well. He looked at the little boy for a moment before squatting down and patting the little boy's head. "Little kid, I'm not your father."

The little boy looked confused when he heard Mu Yuchen. There was a tall figure in his mind. Although he could not see his face, he knew that was his father.

This man in front of him looked similar to his father, but he said he was not who he thought he was. The little boy seemed disappointed as he lowered his head and just sat down.

Xi Xiaye felt a little heartbroken. Quickly, she turned to Mu Yuchen and gave him a begging glance. Naturally, Mu Yuchen understood what she meant. He waved at Li Si behind him.

Li Si quickly came over. "Master, what's the matter?"

"Investigate this child's background thoroughly. Take him to do a full-body check later. Liaise with Chief Wang on this. If everything goes well, then put this child under my name," Mu Yuchen gave his instructions.

"Master, do you want to adopt this child?" Li Si looked at Mu Yuchen in surprise. He had heard that Missus wanted to adopt a child, but he did not expect Master to actually allow it. Missus was going to give birth soon anyway. Was there really a need to adopt?

"Go and get this done." Mu Yuchen then went back.

Xi Xiaye sat beside the little boy, trying to talk to him, "Xiao Ye, are you unhappy here?"

The little boy shook his head, but a moment later, he nodded.

Xi Xiaye smiled. "I'm not quite sure what you mean by shaking your head and then nodding. Do you like the uncle just now?" She looked toward Mu Yuchen.

The little boy did not answer. Instead, he just looked at Mu Yuchen with hope in his eyes, but there was also disappointment.

He had said he was not his father...

“Do you wish that he was your father?” Xi Xiaye asked.

“I do... but he’s not.”

“What if I can make him your father, and then you’ll also have new grandparents and great-grandparents, Xiao Ye? Would you be willing to come with us? Don’t worry. I’m a nice person. I won’t bully you.”

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Mu Yuchen and Chief Wang were talking under the tree nearby.

“Chairman Mu, this child isn’t very sociable. I’m afraid...”

“However, this child is smart. I suppose his family raised him well. He knows how to play chess, Chinese chess, and Go chess. Even Teacher Li couldn’t win him over. He writes very well for his age as well, h. His grades for all the subjects are great, but he just doesn’t talk much.”

“Gather his information and hand it to my assistant. I’ll send someone over a week later.”

Mu Yuchen then walked towards Xi Xiaye after ending the conversation.

“This uncle is a kind person as well. His name is Mu Yuchen. You have to remember his name. He might become a close person to you in the future.”

“Then, what’s your name, auntie?”

“Her name is Xi Xiaye.”

Mu Yuchen's voice reached Xiao Ye after he asked the question. Mu Yuchen squatted down and looked at him before he could react. "Why don't you play with the other children?"

"Because I don't know them..."

"How would you get to know them if you don't interact with them?"

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The little boy was not that shy anymore after some time. They talked for quite some time, and he seemed a little disappointed when Mu Yuchen and Xi Xiaye were leaving.

"Xiao Ye? Hey Mr. Mu, don't you think this child is pretty mature for his age? He's quite defensive as well. He was looking straight into my eyes when I was talking to him."

"His family should be pretty well off. At least, his parents could've been someone like a teacher. I asked him who taught him to play harmonica, and he told me it was his mother. He's a smart child."

"I've told Li Si to investigate it. If there are no problems, then you can do as you wish."

Xi Xiaye nodded as she grabbed his arm and closed in on him. She put her other hand on her belly and said, "Then, let him stay with us for a while first. I'll bring him back to the Shen residence often in order for him to get used to it. He could be a delightful partner for my grandpa. I think it's good to learn Grandfather's way of finding a playmate for our child. It's nice to have a brother around. One child would be too lonely anyway."

She could relate to it all too well. This man just wanted one child, so she had to think of something.

"Mr. Mu, why don't you want to have another child?" she could not help but ask again.

He looked away from the magazine he was reading and kissed her on the lips. "Just being pregnant with one wore you down this much, so I can't bear to see you suffer again. My parents just gave birth to me,

didn't they? I didn't marry you because I want you to give birth to my children. The most important thing for you to do is to stay by my side. Everything else is secondary."

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His gaze was filled with a faint tenderness as his fingers gently brushed through her hair while simply helping her comb it.

"If it's you, then I'm not afraid of the pain at all."

She looked at him earnestly and suddenly reached out with both hands. While she gently held his noble and handsome face, she carefully examined it, and her twinkling eyes glowed. She lowered her voice and said softly by his ear, "I like you, Mr. Mu."

Then, her calm and cool lips closed in.

Mu Yuchen's dark eyes were stunned for a moment. His handsome face could not help but turn hot. Quickly, he reached out to press the button for the partition shutter in the car, blocking the scenery from behind before enjoying the tenderness from her.

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By the time they returned to Maple Residence, Xi Xiaye had already fallen asleep, leaning against him.

When Li Si knocked on the car door, Mu Yuchen then looked down at the woman who slept soundly in his arms. He sighed and suddenly said softly, "I've long fancied you. I've given all of my feelings to you, Xi Xiaye."

The woman in her deep sleep would not have known what he admitted. Because she slept so soundly, she missed a certain person's confession.

When the weekend came around, Qi Lei returned just in time. By the time he went to Mu Yuchen's office, he looked travel-worn.

Mu Yuchen immediately arranged for them to meet at his office.

At that moment, inside the vast and neat office, a few high definition screens above the French window across were displaying some information. Mu Yuchen was standing before the window underneath the screens, looking up at them while Qi Lei stood right behind him.

“I thought you wouldn’t make it back in time.” Mu Yuchen’s voice was very soft.

Qi Lei looked around the office in shock. His eyes quickly fell on the closed door of the resting lounge.

“Is Xiaye inside?”

Mu Yuchen nodded. He turned to flip open a document on the desk behind him as he replied calmly, “She wanted to come. She didn’t rest well and just fell asleep.”

“I can see that you’re not having it easy as a father-to-be. Do you feel anything yet?” Qi Lei teased and smiled as he looked jokingly at Mu Yuchen who was becoming thinner.

Mu Yuchen looked up from his document calmly. He shot him a nonchalant glance and said, “You find a woman to marry. You’ll feel it very soon.”

Qi Lei brushed his nose and shrugged. “I’m not rushing myself. Not everyone’s like you, so easily accepting about marriage. However, the fact that you and Xi Xiaye could reach to this stage does surprise me more or less. I just find it sad that if I had agreed to Deng Wenwen’s request back then. I wonder if she would’ve been Missus Qi instead right now.”

“Forget it. She doesn’t like playboys like you. Missus Qi doesn’t sound any better than Missus Mu does.”

Qi Lei could not help but hit his head, feeling annoyed as he said bewilderedly, “Time that has passed can never return. I’m afraid they’re talking about this.”

“Master, CEO Shen is here!” Right at that moment, Li Si’s voice suddenly came from outside the door.

Mu Yuchen quickly closed the documents in his hand and walked towards the door. Qi Lei subconsciously raised his brows and followed Mu Yuchen's figure to peer over too.

After a while, there was suddenly the sound of footsteps.

"Grandpa, this way!" Mu Yuchen humbly helped Shen Yue into the office.

Shen Yue wore a gray overcoat and held a walking stick in his hand. His pair of deep and sharp eyes immediately showed that he was a strong competitor who had long been in the world of business. Qi Lei subconsciously felt respect for him.

"Hello, Elder CEO. I'm Qi Lei! I'm very honored to get the chance to meet you," Qi Lei spoke up humbly.

Shen Yue examined Qi Lei through narrowed eyes, then turned to ask Mu Yuchen, "Ah Chen, this is the person you recommended?"

Mu Yuchen nodded. "Mmm, he's Master Qi from Qi Kai. He has tons of knowledge in terms of construction. The proposal that Grandpa has was personally prepared by him. If you have any questions, feel free to ask him. You can also personally evaluate him," Mu Yuchen answered Shen Yue softly.

Shen Yue then nodded and sized Qi Lei up again before walking towards the sofa and slowly sitting down. His aged voice was heard. "He does look like a talented one. Let's all sit. Ah Chen, you too. Since it's a partnership proposal, there are many things we still need to deliberate."

"Elder CEO, please have some tea!" Li Si respectfully served the tea, and then quietly retreated to the side while Lan Zilang stood quietly beside Shen Yue.

"Qi Kai's considered a leader in City Z. The movie industry is your focus, so why have you suddenly become interested in construction? In fact, I quite admire your talents in construction. You're a young fellow and you already have a calling in the construction field. It's really quite rare."

Shen Yue reached out to take over the materials Lan Zilang handed him. He flipped through and browsed them.

“Elder CEO, you’re flattering me. Thank you for the praises.” Qi Lei laughed. Others said that Shen Yue did not seem to be someone one could get along with easily, but right now, he did not seem like what the rumors said.

Of course, Qi Lei actually neglected a piece of truth, that no matter how stringent Shen Yue was, when he was in front of Mu Yuchen and Xi Xiaye, he would be exceptionally friendly.

“I’ve had some dealings with Qi Kai before. CEO Qi of your company should be your father, right? He’s not very honest with business. If he came to discuss with me today, I almost wouldn’t consider this. This partnership wouldn’t happen, but since Ah Chen and Xiaye have recommended you strongly, and I’m quite happy with this proposal, I decided to come to meet you.”

Qi Lei looked at Mu Yuchen. There was a light in his eyes. After a while, he responded, “Looks like I’ll have to properly thank you, Master Mu, and Xiaye. It’s also my honor that Elder CEO is willing to meet me, but I also trust my own standards.”

“I do like this confidence in you young people, but confidence is one thing and abilities are another. It’s not just a simple proposal for construction projects. Now, I’d like to understand how you’re going to do this project if I agree to collaborate with Qi Kai a little better. Back then, when Qi Qiming came looking for me, I’d immediately rejected him.”

“Don’t worry, Elder CEO. I’ll personally be in charge of this entire project. Qi Kai wanting to collaborate with Fuhua isn’t a matter of a day or two either. I hope that you’ll believe our sincerity, Elder CEO,” said Qi Lei sincerely. His serious and earnest manner was quite different from his usual frivolous ways.

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Qi Lei’s humility and sincerity made Shen Yue quite pleased.

“This is the first phase of the project’s initial proposal. Elder CEO, you may look through it. Consider me asking you for some guidance.”

Qi Lei took the document from the side and handed it to Shen Yue who raised his gray brows and accepted it. Casually, he flipped through it and then nodded. "Your design concept isn't bad. I'll go back to look into it later on. You can let me know about Qi Kai's situation a bit more."

"Elder CEO, I've already included the details on our company in the proposal," Qi Lei responded.

Shen Yue flipped the document to the back and roughly looked through it before he closed it. He looked at Qi Lei through squinted eyes before handing the document to Lan Zilang, and nonchalantly picked up his tea to drink a sip. He turned to his side and looked at Mu Yuchen who was tidying his desk. "Ah Chen, didn't you say that Xiaye was around too?"

Mu Yuchen looked up at the data on the screen as he said, "She didn't sleep well last night. I let her sleep a while more. Grandpa, Master Qi's Chinese chess is quite good. You should have a game with him."

However, Qi Lei was slightly shocked by his words.

What did Mu Yuchen just call Shen Yue?

Grandpa?

Some things that Yang Sheng had previously told him about flashed in Qi Lei's mind. There was something about how Fuhua and Glory World had some kind of relationship. Had Xi Xiaye not been running to Fuhua quite frequently recently?

Could those rumors have been true?

Was Shen Yue Xi Xiaye's grandpa?

Wait, Shen Yue? Shen Yue?

Aunty Shen? Shen Wenna!

A lightbulb flashed in his mind. The answer was as clear as day!

Even though he did notice it before this, he did not take it to heart. Now that he heard this truth, he still felt somewhat astonished.

No wonder Mu Yuchen could persuade Shen Yue! In the end, it was one of them, he just knew that Shen Yue was not that easy to persuade. He had not heard of Mu Yuchen being in touch with Shen Yue before this, and Glory World Corporation did not do much in the construction and property development aspect either, so how did he suddenly get involved so quickly?

Qi Lei suppressed the shock in him. Shen Yue already looked at him to see if he had anything more to say, and he quickly added, "If Elder CEO is interested."

Then, he got up and opened up a chess set.

"The earlier stages of the project is about to begin. I'm afraid I wouldn't ask too much. This project matters will be left to Ah Chen and Xiaye. Since you are good friends with both of them, I'll feel more assured. When the proposed plan has had a final assessment, I will tell Zilang to inform you. Of course, I do know a bit about Qi Kai's internal situation too. I hope that there won't be another repeat of the South River project. I think you should be able to do that."

Shen Yue was a man who had been in business for decades. Even though he did consider Qi Kai's situation, if he could get someone with potential like Qi Lei to be on his side right now, it would be extremely beneficial for him. Besides, with Mu Yuchen around, he could be free of worries.

Qi Lei responded earnestly, "Elder CEO, if you fancy me being on board, I definitely won't disappoint you."

Shen Yue nodded and made the first move on the chessboard. Qi Lei swiftly followed after.

The vast and comfortable office was very quiet. There was the occasional sound of chess pieces tapping the board. Shen Yue and Qi Lei were both very focused people. Meanwhile, Mu Yuchen stood underneath the screen, flipping through the materials and recording things from time to time.

Just as Mu Yuchen was busy and focused, Li Si suddenly walked over carefully and said softly into Mu Yuchen's ear, "Master, there's news from Ah Bao. He's just gotten off the plane. He wanted to come here and report to you immediately, but considering that Elder CEO and Qi Lei are here, I stopped him."

Mu Yuchen immediately stopped what he was doing. He turned to Li Si and there was puzzlement in his eyes. Li Si lowered himself and softly reminded, "Master, did you forget? Ah Mo previously delegated Ah Bao to investigate that pen."

With Li Si's reminder, Mu Yuchen recalled that a few months ago, he did order Ah Mo to investigate the source of that pen. A few months had passed in the blink of an eye, yet there was no news. Ah Mo could only do a blanket search, so it took a long time.

After they negated Qi Qimin, this matter was stuck. Even though Mu Lingshi was relieved, the hope in her heart had not been put out either.

Mu Yuchen fell silent for a while, then said plainly, "Get him to come to Maple Residence at night."

"Yes, Master!" Li Si replied and then quietly retreated as he took his phone out from his pocket.

Qi Lei, who was conversing in the office, would not have known that just as he walked into Glory World, at the plaza in front of Glory World, a black car slowly come to a halt. The passenger watched him walk into Glory World Corporation. Even Shen Yue's arrival after that was taken in too.

At that moment, at the back seat of the car.

"Miss Gu, they seem to have gone inside for quite a long while! The old man who went in after that should be CEO of Fuhua, Shen Yue. I heard that Fuhua and Glory World are interested in collaborating to take on the other item under the South River project," Assistant Xiao Dong, who was in front, turned around to say to Gu Lingsha.

"Why would Qi Lei be here today?" Gu Lingsha asked puzzled.

She wanted to walk around the plaza when she saw Qi Lei's car by chance and tailed him all the way there. Unexpectedly, Qi Lei had driven his car straight to Glory World Corporation.

Even though she knew that Qi Kai and Glory World had a partnership, it still seemed quite odd to her. Was Qi Lei not previously prejudiced towards Mu Yuchen? Especially after she and Lingtian got into the accident, Qi Lei and Lingtian were very close friends back then too.

These past few years when she had been abroad, she actually knew about the situation on Qi Lei's end very well. Qi Lei's undying friendship also moved her, but now it looked like even the ones she thought she could rely on were slowly moving further away from her.

Gu Lingsha's arched brows instantly furrowed, and she suddenly felt upset.

She obviously did not forget that Qi Lei had even helped plead for Su Nan on behalf of Xi Xiaye. She also remembered asking back then whether he liked Xi Xiaye, and the way he had responded...

Even if he did not like her, at least, he admired her!

In fact, now with his relationship with Mu Yuchen...

She had to admit that the balance in Qi Lei's heart had slowly tipped toward Mu Yuchen and Xi Xiaye!